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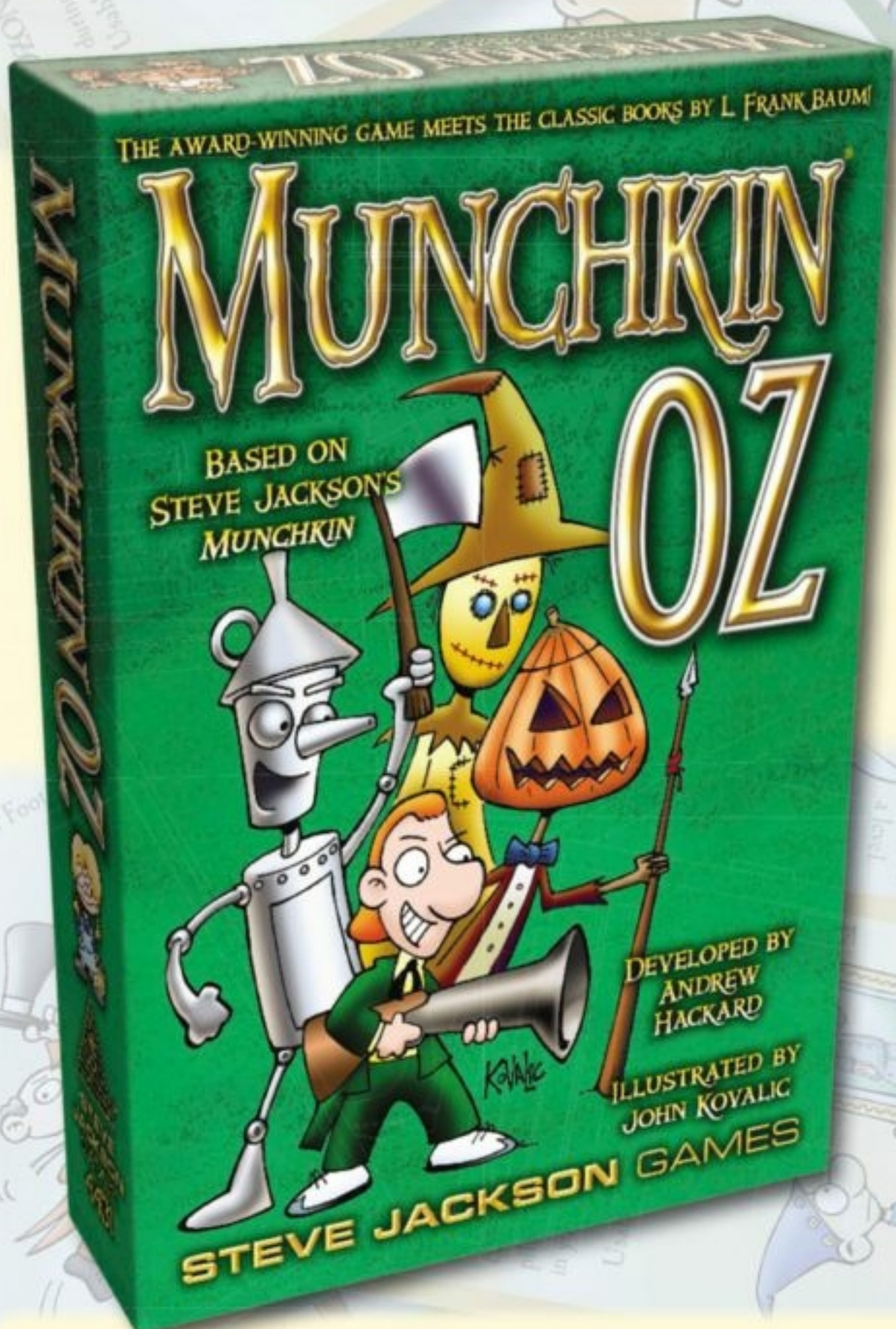
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# Letters and Tomatoes



## CAMPAIGN TRAIL CELEBRITY SNAP

Iowa resident and unrepentant MAD fan Brian Neises recently sent in photos of MAD #535 being signed by none other than GOP front-runner Donald Trump — who proved he wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty by holding the magazine! For his hard work, Brian will receive a boatload of swag plus a bonus limited-edition "Alfred as Uncle Sam" print — and you can too! Catch a presidential candidate on the campaign trail, snap him or her holding an issue, send it in and we'll send you free stuff along with the Alfred print! (If you can get Hillary to hold #535, believe us, there WILL BE a bonus!) Now go out and do your duty as an American Citizen!



Trump's Signature, possibly adding value to the issue

The unholy trinity of Trump, Neises and MAD

## CATCHPHRASE AND RELEASE

I am 12 years old, and I have been reading your magazine for quite some time now, and couldn't help but notice that Alfred E. Neuman has not used his signature catchphrase "What, me worry?" for a long time. He hasn't used it since issue #516, which was published almost three years ago! So I have to ask: WHAT HAPPENED?

**Tomas Vebeliunas • Bear, DE**

**Vebe! Yell** — The truth is, there's a reason Alfred hasn't used "What, me worry?" in a while — we've just been waiting for someone like you to broach the subject (preferably in all caps). We felt that it was time to phase out "What, me worry?" in favor of something more current and "now." Some options we considered were "When's snack-break, Padre?", "Anyone else's intestines hurting?" and "Sup-sup, all y'all bangerz?" We gave it a lot of thought and had zeroed in on the replacement, but we feel like we can't possibly change it now — not after your outpouring of support for his classic motto! (We count one letter as an outpouring.) Thanks so much for checking in — look for "What, me worry?" to appear again sometime in late 2017! —Ed.

## THE AGE OF INNOCENTS

I've been reading your magazine for over 46 years now and even so I've turned out okay. My question is, now that I have two grandsons, ages three and four, what is the proper age for me to buy them a subscription to this wonderful, educational magazine? I surely don't want them to miss out and grow up to be weird or anything.

**Bob Davis • Olympia, WA**

**Davis and Goliath** — What a coincidence! You say that your grandsons are three and four years old — and that happens to be the exact age range of the ideal MAD subscriber! You see, anybody who can actually read will almost immediately realize how terrible MAD is, toss it in his or her nearest compost heap and cancel their subscription. So please, Bob, scurry over to your checkbook as quickly as possible and pony up the dough for your grandsons' subscriptions — we don't have much time until this magical window closes forever! —Ed.

## MAD ABOUT SCI-FI

Do you love futuristic tales? Well here's one about the not-so-distant future — *MAD About Sci-Fi* is on sale Nov. 13! This 112-page collection includes classic material about *Star Wars*, *Terminator*, *Aliens*, *Back to the Future*, *Star Trek*, *Avatar* and a bunch more geeky junk. Pick it up...in the future!

## THE OAR THE MERRIER

When I was a child (in the 1960s) we had a canoe and paddles that we modified with an Alfred E. Neuman stencil. The canoe is long gone, but I was home recently and saw canoe paddles stored in the rafters of my brother's garage. Lo and behold they were the original ones with the coveted Alfred stencil! How cool!

**Ian Alsgaard • Bethany, CT**

**The Battle for Alsgaard** — Yes, how cool! There's nothing we love more than mash-ups of MAD and long-forgotten nautical ephemera! But we have to put aside our elation for a moment to ask you a serious question: all those years ago, did you happen to contact our legal department for waiver 67-D, which would have allowed for such an unlicensed use of said MAD iconography (on canoes and canoe accessories)? We've spent a full week digging through our yellowing old files and have found no record of your request. We're going to keep searching, but in the meantime, you can expect a call from the pit bulls we have specializing in copyright/maritime law! A little advice, Ian: you might want to use those oars to help in your escape by sea! —Ed.





## DUPLICATE IS ENOUGH

I have been reading your magazine for a little while and have already purchased a two-year subscription. I love your magazine and I especially love the “Marginal Thinking Dept.” But yesterday I found a “Drawn out Drama” in the Minions issue that I had seen before. I checked and believe it or not I found the same exact one in the issue just before it! I thought you were better than this! Oh wait, I’ve never thought that in my life. Never mind!

Rex Demuro • Bar Harbor, ME

Nervous Rex — Thank you so much for pointing this out to us — we really do appreciate it. In fact, when your letter came — with its damning, inarguable evidence of art-department incompetence — we immediately fired Production Artist Mike Loew, who was responsible for the grievous error. You’ll see that Mike’s name no longer appears on our masthead; he’s now wandering the country, his clothes in tatters, surviving on a diet of fresh road-kill and ditch-water. But forget about that guy! Here’s the good news: we now have an opening for an eagle-eyed stickler with an almost-clinically-insane attention to detail! How about it, Rex? Sure, you’ll have to drop out of school and move to Manhattan from sleepy Bar Harbor, but you seem like an able young chap! Please let us know as soon as possible — we really need someone to help us sift through letters from annoying readers, with their inane habit of pointing out our meaningless, miniscule mistakes! —Ed.



## MAD TWEETS



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## DISPLAY'S THE THING

Recently, I was in the Grand Central Station magazine store and I noticed your magazine was in the “Kids” section. Now, your brand of humor isn’t particularly sophisticated and everybody knows that, but the section also featured magazines with references to the Disney Channel on the cover. Would you like to change this? I’d be more than willing to help.

Alexander Hutton • Oakland, CA

Panic Hutton — The placement of MAD in magazine stores is a common source of confusion — and we’re often found in the “Kids” section. Which is fair enough — if there was a magazine section labeled *Stupid People of all Ages* we’d be the only magazine in it (well, *Us Weekly* would be there too). As it is, though, we’re just flattered (and a little surprised) that anyone would consider us a “magazine.” We’re typically called so much worse. In fact, when our newest issue arrives, most magazine stores immediately “display” our issues in the dumpster! —Ed.

## SECURITY

Recently, MAD moved offices (be sure to address your correspondence/Edible Arrangement deliveries accordingly)! And part of moving is saying goodbye to friends — well, if not “friends,” at least “people who are paid to be polite to you.” Here’s Senior Editor Joe Raiola with the clearly-relieved-to-be-rid-of-him building security staff from our old digs at 1700 Broadway. (l.-r. — Brian, Rob, Joe Raiola, Kenny, Tim)



## THRONE FOR A LOOP

I always keep a stack of MADs in the bathroom (because let’s face it, that’s where they belong). Well, my dad is the most serious person on earth but finally after 40 years he admitted to reading last month’s issue while taking care of business! We were all shocked! You have finally converted the last sane member of my family! Congratulations, we’re now all morons!

Chris Campbell • Melvindale, MI

Sleepaway Campbell — We’re confused...you said this is the first time your dad has told you about reading MAD in the John. But, in the past, has he told you about other, non-MAD stuff he’s read? For example, would he exit the facilities and say, “Chris, you wouldn’t believe the fascinating article I just read in *Dirt Wheels!*” or “Thanks to those bad pork chops, I managed to plow through the second half of *Moby Dick* in there!”? You know what — disregard that question entirely. The less we know about the Campbell Family Post-Defecation Literary Discussion Group, the better! —Ed.

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# Letters and Tomatoes



## MISTAKEN FOR GRANTED

Back in the age of the dinosaurs I sent in an envelope which got printed in issue #530 under the title "Envelope of the Month." I felt extremely accomplished to have stooped so low and still be rewarded. After my dad purchased, like, five copies of the issue I discovered that my name was misprinted as "Minda." I was destroyed. I emailed letters@madmagazine.com, but was ignored. Now some random person named "Minda Bedogne" is getting my fame (but not my "Letters and Tomatoes" merchandise)! Do not let it happen again.

Mina Bedogne • Los Angeles, CA

Yankee Doodle Mandy — We're deeply sorry for the mistake, and rest assured, you don't need to warn us about it happening again, Mindy. If there's one thing we're serious about — and the hawk-eyed Rex Demuro can attest to this — it's correcting our errors. So we'd like to extend a sincere apology to you and the entire Bologna family for calling you "Mona" in MAD #530. Because, Minka, where would we be without dedicated readers such as yourself? Such as you, Myra Borchinski of Las Vegas, Caledonia? —Ed.

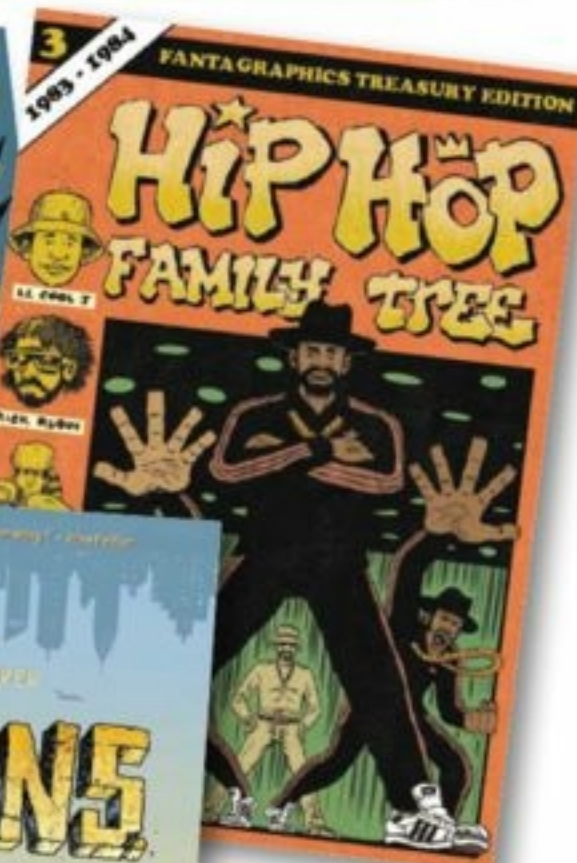
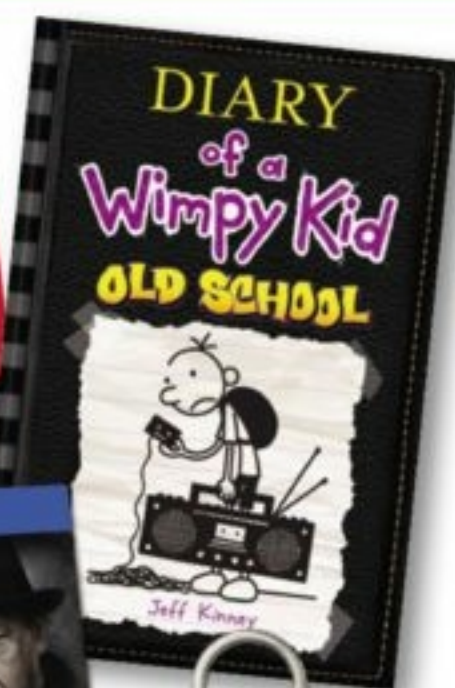
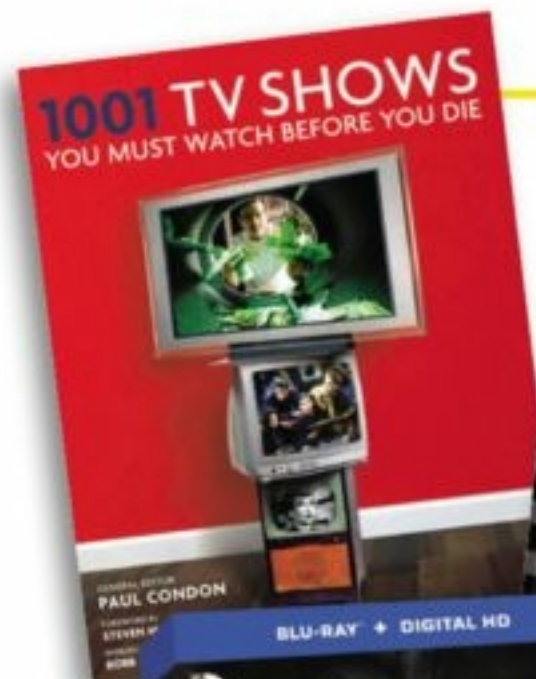
## ALFRED LOOK-ALIKE

Eli Bridge from Gold Coast, Australia sent in this picture of himself dressed up for "Book Week." Hmm—celebrating a magazine during "BOOK Week"? That's pretty stupid! Way to stay in character, Eli! —Ed.



## READER ALERT

If you got your letter printed, boy howdy is that good news for you! You'll be getting *Ruins* by MAD's own Peter Kuper, courtesy of our compadres at SelfMadeHero; *1,001 TV Shows You Must Watch Before You Die*, courtesy of our pals at Universe Publishing; a *Jason Voorhees Pocket Pop! Keychain* from our buds at Funko; *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School* by Jeff Kinney, courtesy of our chums at Amulet Books; *Hip Hop Family Tree, Book 3: 1983-1984* by Ed Piskor, from our buds at Fantagraphics; *The Explorers Guild* by Kevin Costner and Jon Baird, from our chums at Atria Books; and *Gotham, Season 1*, courtesy of our amigos at Warner Bros. Home Entertainment! So stop reading, start writing and start getting undeserved swag, ya mooch!



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# THE FUNdAlini

## SIGNS THAT ANTI-CONFEDERATE BACKLASH HAS GONE TOO FAR



The MPAA has officially revoked all Oscars won by *Gone With The Wind*



Clothing stores have decided to remove all gray items



Federal buildings have banned the use of Dixie cups on premises



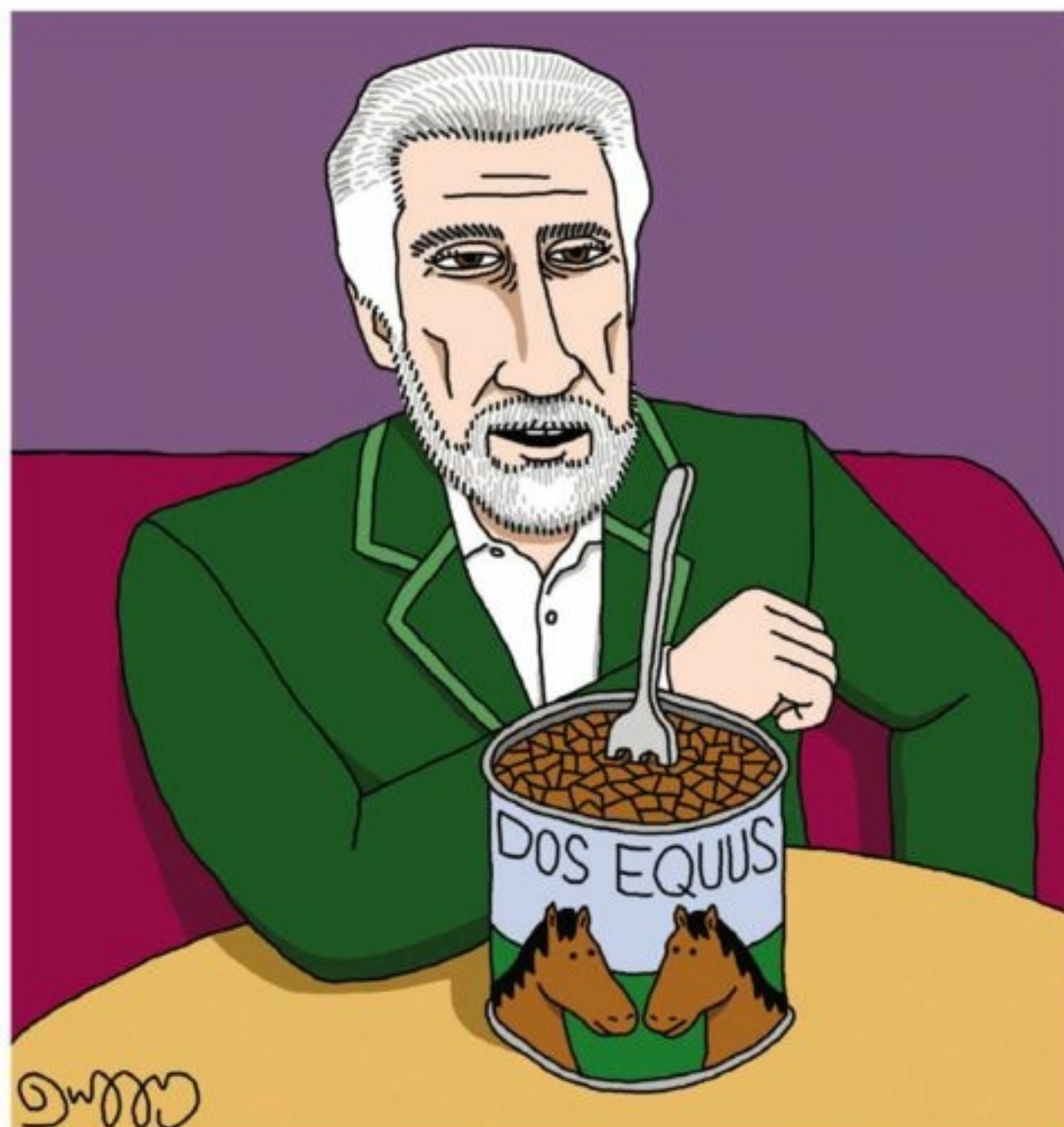
Panhandlers are no longer accepting \$20 bills unless former slave owner Andrew Jackson's portrait is removed from them.



In all Civil War reenactments, Union soldiers are now permitted to use live ammo

Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Kevin Pope

## When the Going Gets Duff

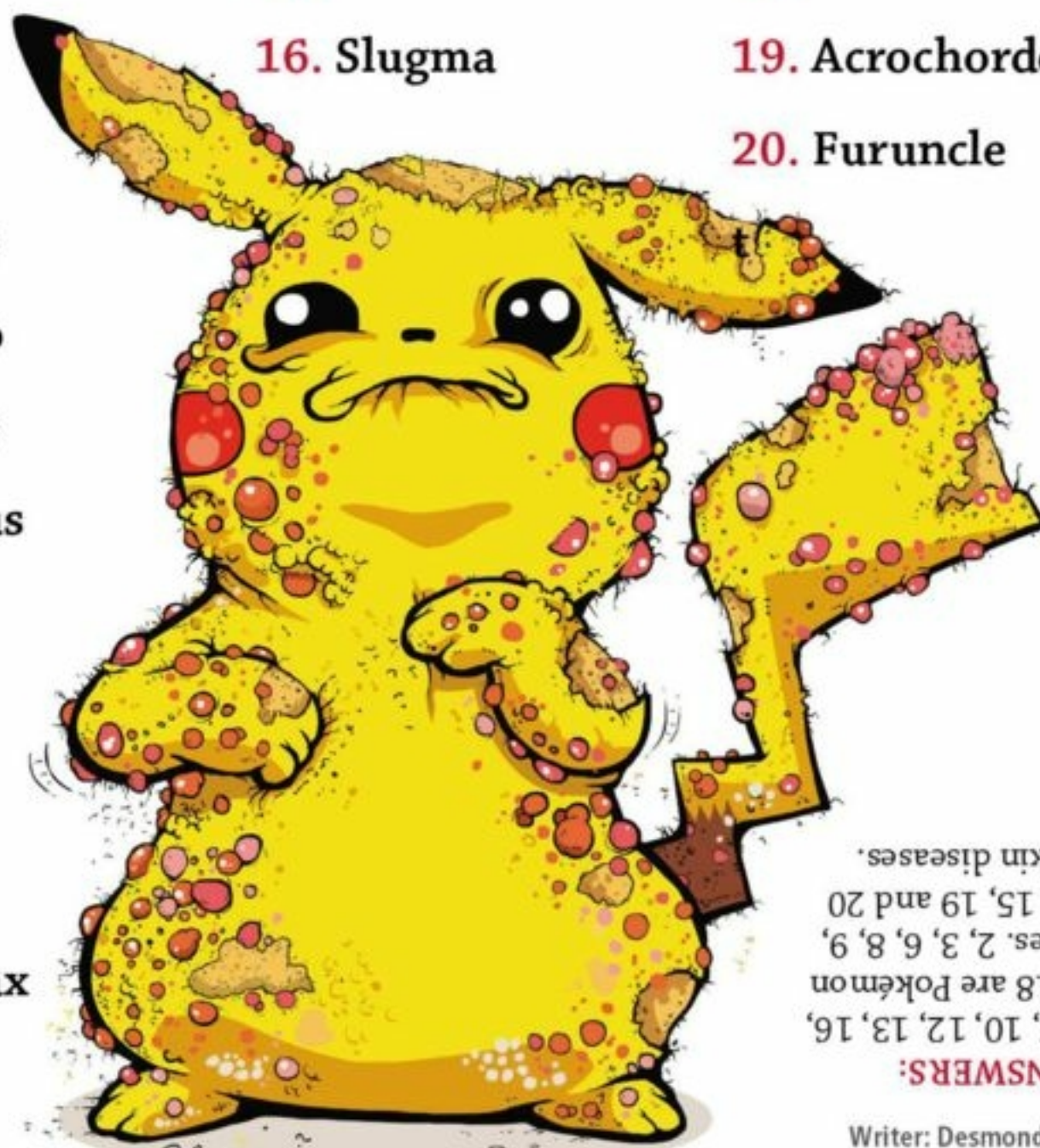


"I don't always eat horse meat. But when I do, I prefer Dos Equus."

Writer and Artist: J.C. Duffy

## Pokémon Creature or Skin Disease?

- |               |             |                 |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. Conkledurr | 14. Anthrax | 17. Phanpy      |
| 2. Papule     | 15. Melasma | 18. Solosis     |
| 3. Lentigo    | 16. Slugma  | 19. Acrochordon |
| 4. Treecko    |             | 20. Furuncle    |
| 5. Pidgeotto  |             |                 |
| 6. Intertrigo |             |                 |
| 7. Reuniclus  |             |                 |
| 8. Pemphigus  |             |                 |
| 9. Circinata  |             |                 |
| 10. Piplup    |             |                 |
| 11. Clavus    |             |                 |
| 12. Snorlax   |             |                 |
| 13. Munchlax  |             |                 |



ANSWERS:  
1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18 are Pokémon creatures. 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 19 and 20 are skin diseases.

Writer: Desmond Devlin  
Artist: Josh Mecouch



# PAGES

## The Fast 5

### UNFORESEEN COMPLICATIONS OF THE APPLE WATCH

- 1 It constantly reminds Chinese laborers how many hours they've gone without a break.
- 2 When lying in the street after getting hit by a car, your first concern will be whether or not your watch screen was cracked.
- 3 Thanks to Apple Pay, any arm cramp can lead to you inadvertently buying someone else's stuff.
- 4 Internet porn — now conveniently located right on your wrist!
- 5 An overzealous hand-washing could easily lose you 350 bucks real quick.



Writer: Matt Lassen Artist: Rick Tulka

## Critics' Blurbs for Terrible Kids' Books

"This young adult novel is an urgent plea for less tolerance towards those who make us feel uncomfortable."

"Unlike most fantasy writers, he freely admits that he's trying to lead children to worship Satan."

"The heartwarming story of a toy bear who comes to life and is destroyed by the woman he longs for, yet knows he can never possess."

"A good first step in Bill Cosby's attempt to rehabilitate his image."

Writer:  
Jeff Kruse

## Le Lievre and Let Le Lievre



"On the bright side, it has a full and luxurious head of hair."

Writer and Artist: Glen Le Lievre

## OVERHEARD AT 50 CENT'S BANKRUPTCY ESTATE SALE



Writer: Kenny Keil Artist: Jose Garibaldi



# THE FUNDalini Pages

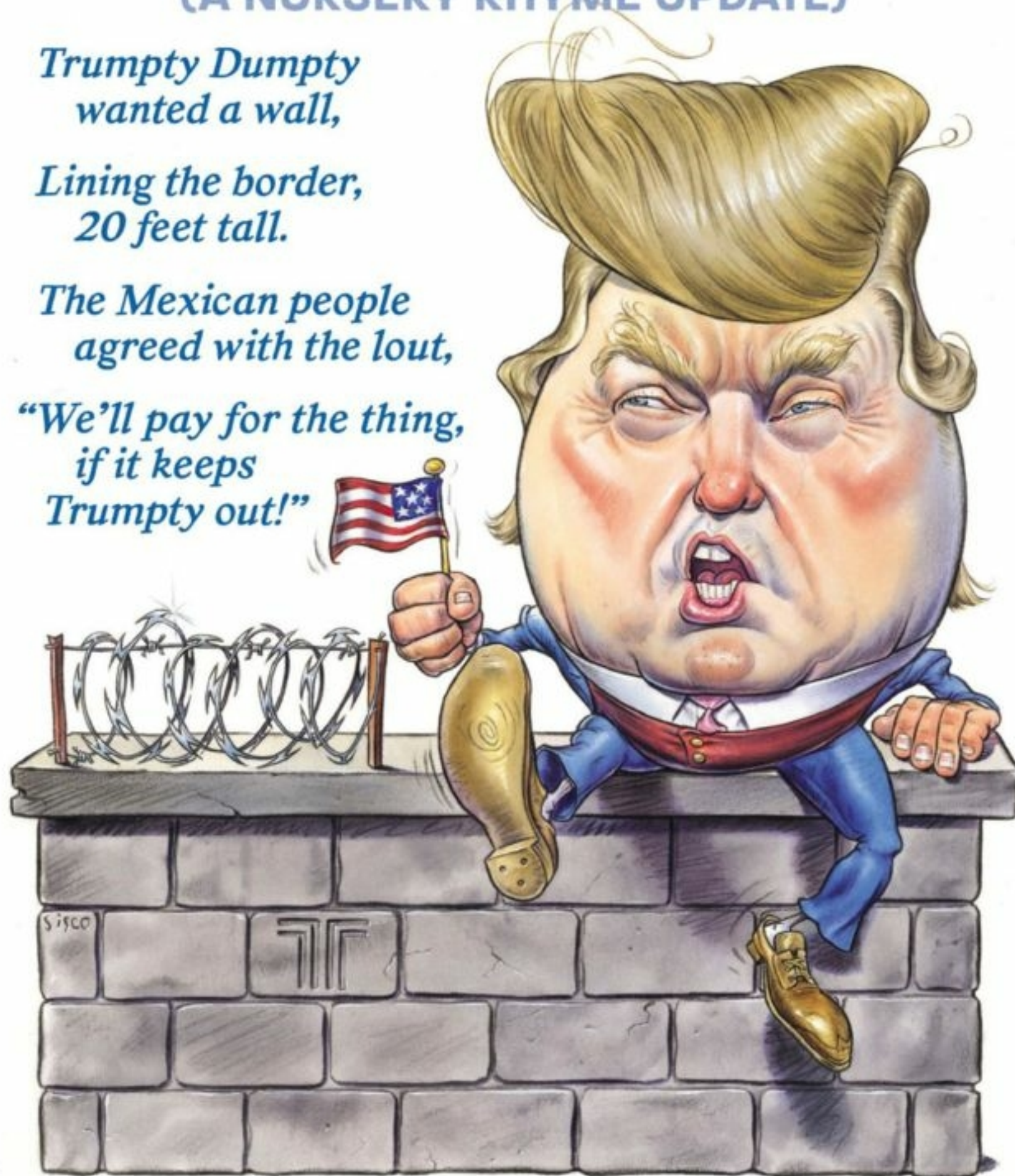
## TRUMPTY DUMPTY (A NURSERY RHYME UPDATE)

*Trumpty Dumpty  
wanted a wall,*

*Lining the border,  
20 feet tall.*

*The Mexican people  
agreed with the lout,*

*"We'll pay for the thing,  
if it keeps  
Trumpty out!"*



Writer: Patrick Merrell Artist: Sam Sisco

Oy Vey!



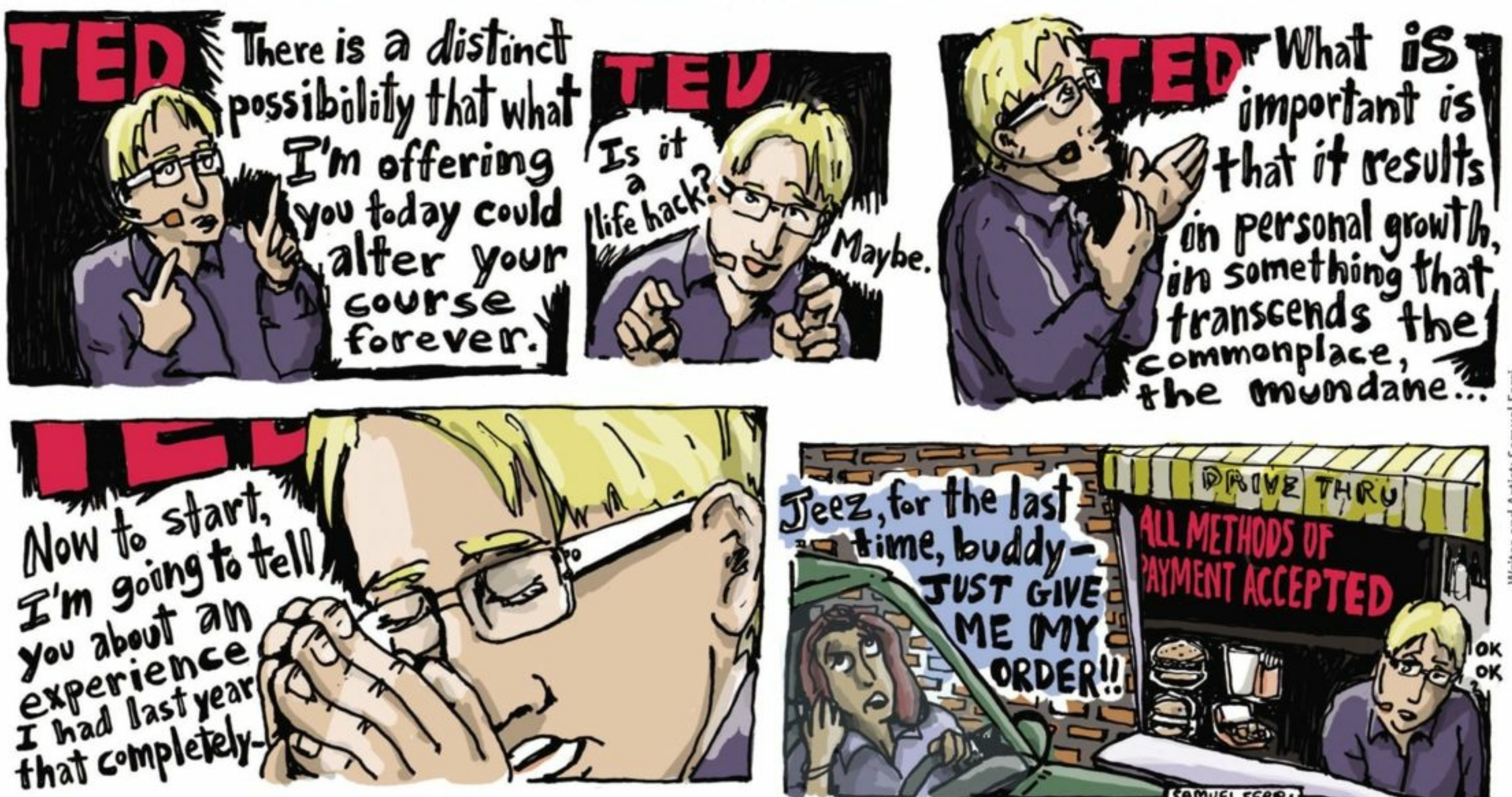
"HE WAS AN AMAZING MAN, WHO ELSE WOULD THINK TO  
TAKE A SELFIE WHILE BEING HIT BY A BUS?"

Writer and Artist: P.C. Vey

## The Godfrey Report

In	5 Minutes Ago	Out
Hanging out	Loitering	Tarrying
Kerfuffles	Fracases	Brouhahas
Lamming	Vamoosing	Skedaddling
Rustics	Bumpkins	Clodhoppers
Pork Butt	Rump Roast	Ox Tail

## SAMUEL FERRI'S MISCONNECTED MOMENTS



Writer and Artist: Samuel Ferrer



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# Messy Chef JUNIOR



Today, these kids will face the **biggest challenge** of their young lives. The taste of victory will be **sweet**, the taste of defeat will be **bitter**, and the **entire show** will feel **half-baked** and **overdone!** (But we're all in for the **dough.**)

**I'm Gordon Ramrod!**  
**These freaking little**  
**\*&^&\*, oops, sorry,**  
**I forgot, this is the**  
**small fry version. Let's**  
**start again! I'm Gordon**  
**Ramrod. These adorable**  
**children are the best**  
**8-to-13 year old cooks**  
**in the United States!**

At least I hope  
it's the **United States!**  
Personally, I couldn't give  
a %\$# where they came  
from. I do so many of  
these tedious **chef shows**  
all around the **world**  
I just want to **phone in**  
another **performance**,  
get a **check** and go!

At the end of this competition, one of these children will receive a check for \$100,000 and the most coveted award in the culinary world, The *MessyChef Junior Trophy*! The others will get one of these *MessyChef Junior* aprons. These special aprons will forever remind them of this incredible experience, because they have every kind of food stain imaginable on them, not to mention quite a bit of blood! When will these kids learn how to use industrial-grade butcher knives!?

I guess I should **introduce** myself. I'm **Graham Idiot**. I've owned several **HIGHLY ACCLAIMED** restaurants, have written many books on **gourmet cooking** and I hold a coveted **AAA Five Diamond Award!** Yet all that **anyone** knows me as is "the guy with the **tattoos** and **funny glasses** who lost all that **weight!**" The **food business** can be **cruel!**

I'm **Crustina Tushi**, a **brand new judge** here on ***MessyChef Junior***. I'm a **pastry chef** who has been making quite a **name** for myself in the **culinary world**. Fortunately, not **enough of a name** to threaten **Chef Ramrod**, which is **why** I was **picked** to be the **new judge** on the show. Being on this show is a true **learning experience** for these kids. The **winner** will learn about looming **fame and fortune**, and the **losers** learn what's it like to be a **mega-failure** before they reach **puberty**!

I'm Timmy and I'm 10. I love to cook, but mainly I love to make desserts. I can make pies, jelly rolls and about a billion different kinds of cookies! I haven't won any cooking contests yet, but in my school I was voted "Most Likely to Develop Diabetes!"

I'm **Lindi** and I'm **11**. I started **cooking** when I was just **five**. It was either **do that** or continue to eat the **indigestible slop** my **mother** cooked! My **brother** and **sister** hated my **mom's** meals so much, they **moved out** before I started **cooking**. Gee, by now they must be **four** and **seven** years old!

I'm **Jeffrey**. If I had to rate my **cooking ability** on a scale of one to 100, I would say it's a **91.25**. Yes, my **rating** is as **precise** as my **cooking**, and I'm only **nine years, four months, three days, seven hours and 31 minutes** old! Once while making a **three-minute egg**, I took **three minutes and two seconds**, but a year of **therapy** got me **back on track**. Actually, it wasn't a **year**, it was **11 months, three weeks...** man, having **OCD** is both a **blessing** and a **curse** for a **budding chef**!

I'm Jon, age 13. I love to cook, but my kitchen is really tiny. How tiny? When I make linguini, I have to cook it one strand at a time! My dream is to be as creative as the producers of this show. In the U.K. this series is called *Junior MessyChef*, but in the U.S. they call it *Messy-Chef Junior*. Inspiring!

**I'm Patty! I'm 12 years old and I don't cook by the book. In fact, I urge everyone to throw out every cookbook they own and improvise. Throw ingredients in a bowl and see what happens! Then, when people realize they really need a cookbook, I'll sell them the one I'm writing! I call it my recipe for financial success!**

I'm **Mehitabel** and I'm **13**. I'd rather **cook** than do **anything** else! I'd rather **cook** than watch **TV**, play **video games** or even **text**! I'd rather **cook** than go to **school**! Or **study**! So I cook at an **expert** level, but I read and write at a **kindergarten** level.

I'm Larry. I got on the show because of the lunches I bring to school. One day it was bruschetta caprese, lasagna fritti, calamari with artichoke hearts and every kid's favorite dessert, tiramisu. My teacher liked them so much I had to make **two lunches** a day — one for me and one for her; then **three lunches** a day, for me, her and the principal. Then it was **three lunches** and a **full buffet** for the Teacher's Lounge. So, in addition to a **backpack**, I have to take **two rolling suitcases** full of food with me to school every day! Did I mention I'm **three grades behind** in my homework?

I'm Logan and I would like everyone to win, but that's impossible. So I brought a few ingredients that will cause vomiting and upset stomachs among my kid competitors without destroying the subtle flavors of whatever dish I've poisoned! I think that in itself demonstrates real chef qualities. I'm hoping one day to get an endorsement deal with Black Flag!





Welcome, Junior Chefs! We're going to start by having everyone make their own original tropical fruit dessert. I know, you're all looking around, saying, "I don't see any tropical fruits." That's because you didn't look up!



There they are! Fresh from tropical islands around the world are coconuts! Pineapples! And watermelons!

Ah! Help!

My leg! I can't move my leg!

My head! I think I have a concussion!

In a previous *MessyChef Junior* show they dropped thousands of raspberries on the kids.

Great idea! But I think the producers went too far this time!

On the bright side, they can still do the show with eight kids, and that's all that counts!



This is the **Mystery Box Challenge**. Each one of you had to create a restaurant-quality dish using only the ingredients found in the **Mystery Box**. Larry, that looks like a fine restaurant-quality dish, but something is terribly wrong! It doesn't contain any of the ^%&\* ingredients we put in the box!

That's right, Chef! I know from watching the show that the **Mystery Box ingredients** always suck! That's why I brought my own **Mystery Box ingredients** and created a dish with those!

What?? I have never seen such arrogance — and I'm living proof that arrogance is one of the best traits a celebrity chef can have! You get an "A" for such high-handedness at your tender age! You can sit out the next competition!



And what did you cook, Lindi?

I missed the door that leads to the **pantry**, and accidentally went into the **janitor's closet**.

So you didn't cook anything?

Of course I did! I made a novel **stringy mop à l'orange**, served with a lightly fried **scrub brush** with tender bristles and **Brillo au gratin**. For dessert, there's **Lestoil-scented sponge cake**, made with real sponge and drizzled with **Lemon Pledge** topping!

Wow, a new take on cooking! As you eat the meal, the plates pretty much clean themselves! And your insides, too! Top job!







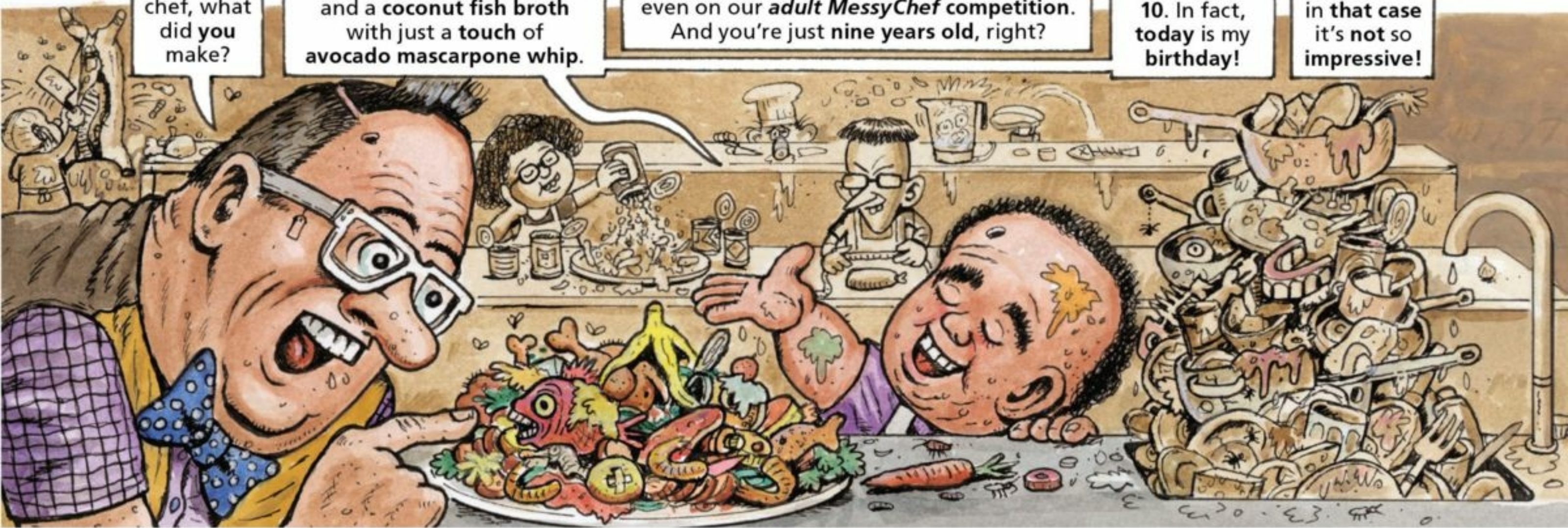
Timmy, as our youngest chef, what did you make?

I made shrimp, chicken and andouille sausage jambalaya and a coconut fish broth with just a touch of avocado mascarpone whip.

I'm amazed by the multitude of techniques you've used in this meal. I don't think I've seen anything so complex, even on our *adult MessyChef* competition. And you're just nine years old, right?

Well, actually I just turned 10. In fact, today is my birthday!

Really. 10 years old, eh? Well, in that case it's not so impressive!



It's time for you to create an original dish. Head to the pantry! You have three minutes, starting now!

This is exciting. We get to pick our own ingredients and create a dish with them!

Wow, Lindi, you already made a list of the ingredients you need?

No, this is my mom's shopping list. She figures it's cheaper if I pick up what she needs while I'm here.

If we don't make it as chefs, grabbing stuff and running prepares us for another career: shoplifting!



All right, each of you had to create an original dish. Patty, tell us about yours.

I call my creation **Consommé Patty**. I used beef stock, celery, leek, tomatoes and a touch of egg whites.

And why do you call that **Consommé Patty**?

I added the piece of my finger I cut off while preparing the dish. A good chef wastes nothing!



This is my creation, Chef. A four-course sausage dinner.

But it's just one huge sausage and nothing else!

Wrong! The soup? It's in the sausage. The salad, the main course and the dessert? They're all in the sausage!

That looks so gross, I'm not even going to taste it. Mehitabel, we don't like to discourage anyone on the show, but instead of chef, I'd suggest a different career path — pizza delivery girl!



This is an old family recipe, Chef. This is a fractured rib steak in a tortured cream sauce. Then there's a side dish of tormented smashed peas and badly hacked-up carrots.

I never heard of a scarier menu!

Remember that when it's time to pick a winner! Like I said, this is an old family recipe — the Gambino family, to be exact — and several family "members" are all waiting in the parking lot!





And what did you create, Jon?

It's my own take on **Boston Cream Pie**. I used dairy fresh heavy cream, snow white sugar, twice-sifted flour, two cups of **Boston baked beans**...

Wait — baked beans in a cream pie?? That will make it indigestible!

But it's not for eating...

....it's for throwing!

Jon, that's one of the best "throwing pies" we've ever had on the show. You're such a very clever lad to remember that we have some kind of stupid slapstick thing on each show to endear me, Graham and Crustina with the viewers, since every week we shatter young children's dreams and make them cry. But no tears for you — I'm declaring you the winner of this round! Brilliant!



This pepper-crusted sirloin, served on a bed of hearty whole grains with sauteed spinach, is amazing!

This whiskey-soaked grilled trout, flavored with blackened seasoning, is also delicious!

And this is the best classic Beef Wellington I've tasted in years!

Chefs, your lunch break is over. Time to leave the restaurant and get back to the dreadful stuff the kids make!



Junior Chefs, you'll notice we're not at our workstations, but in a high-end restaurant. What do you think of when you're in an elegant restaurant?

Pretty art on the walls.

Sterling silverware on the tables.

Illegal aliens in the kitchen.

Great big plates, a tiny bit of food, huge prices.

Some of these kids are too wise beyond their years! Little bastards!



Three of you are the blue team, and three of you are the red team.

The team that gets the best-tasting meals finished first wins this round!

Remember, no one has any idea there are kids preparing their meals, or that anything different is going on.

Right — light stands, video cameras, stage hands and the sound of six screaming kids in the kitchen...that doesn't give anybody a clue something different is going on!



What the %#!& are you doing?? This is competition and you're just standing there??

I'm not just standing here, Chef! I'm waiting for my five-cheese ziti al forno. I prepare it like my father does.

And how does your father prepare it?

By ordering it from the Olive Garden next door! Their chef is the one holding me up!





My dish is ready, Chef. It's a blend of elbow pasta with melted American cheese.

They ordered marinated salmon with mango-kiwi relish, and you made them mac and cheese? At \$43 a plate, a customer won't stand for that!

I told them the salmon smelled bad, and the mac and cheese is the best thing on the menu! They thanked me for my honesty!

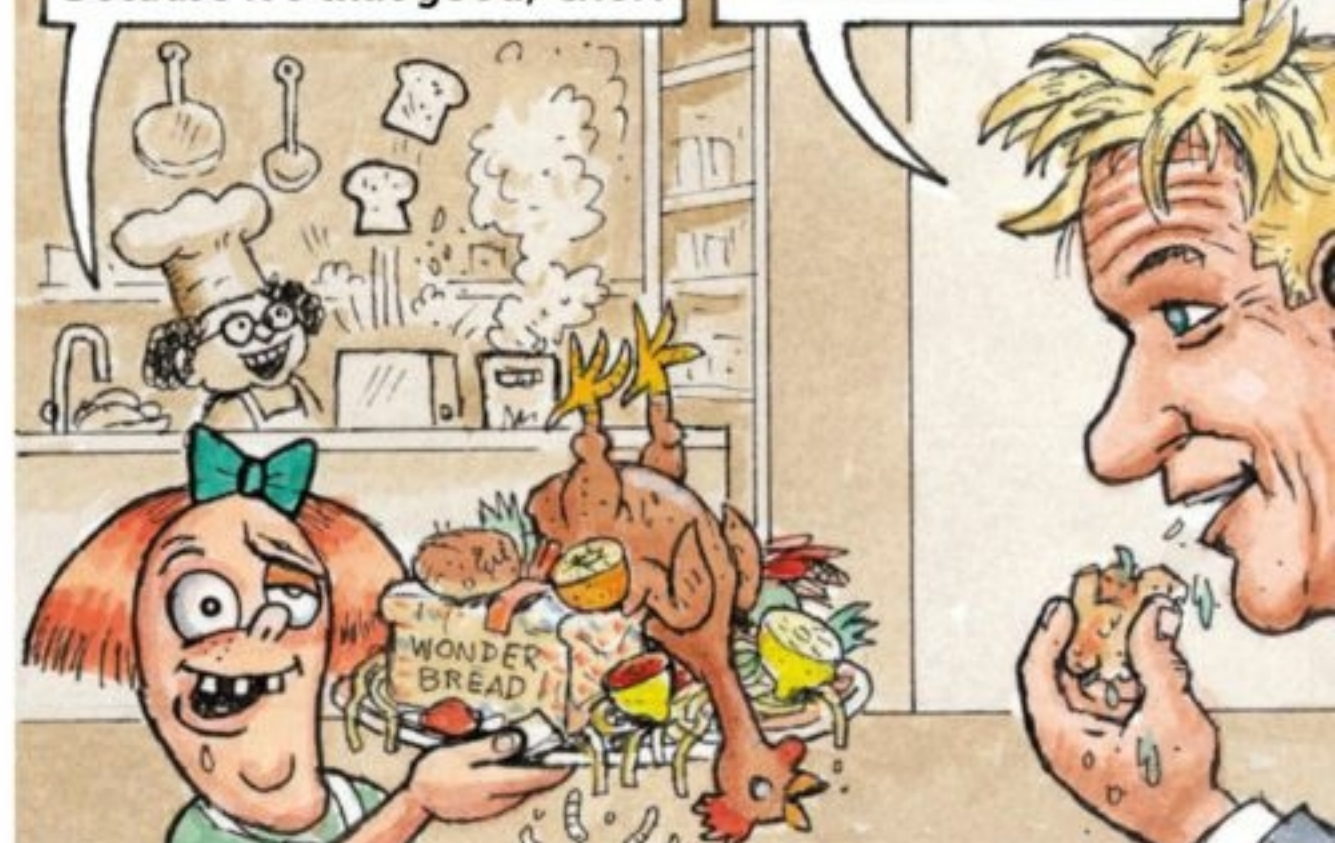
Wow, not only can you cook, you also know some chef secrets on making a restaurant really profitable!



Mehitabel, I love this citrus chicken sorrento with shaved Parmesan cheese and triple-dipped garlic bread. I could see you preparing this in one of my restaurants!

Because it's that good, Chef?

Partly, but mainly because I just realized I can hire kids your age to work in my kitchens as interns. I can pay less than I do now, and they'll think it's an honor!



This turkey stuffing is strange. It tastes like it was made by a kid.

Why do you say that?

It has bread crumbs, sauteed mushrooms, sausage, and, I swear, grape jelly!

I tasted that, too, but I'm intrigued with the grape jelly being balanced with the tart Reese's Pieces. An elegant combination! Besides, it cost \$33, so it must be great!

Table seven — can you say that over again and louder? We need better audio!



This is the part of the show where, sadly, just one person gets to go home with the \$100,000!

It's even sadder that the only thing the others get to keep is their Messy-Chef Junior aprons!

And our winner is...

...Jon!

Some of the kids really take it hard. I saw two of them crying their eyes out.

Crying isn't so bad. But lying on the floor, kicking and screaming, upsets me. I don't think they should let the parents in here if they're going to do that!



So Jon, as the winner, will you put this money towards opening your own restaurant one day?

No, Chef, I've decided I'm not going into the restaurant business at all!

What did you learn here that made you decide that?

I learned, why bother with the pressure of running a restaurant when you can produce a show like this that makes millions with contestants you don't have to pay? I'm thinking of something never done before: MessyChef Senior! Say hello to 108-year-old Dennis Wunderlin!

Hey, Sonny-Boy Ramsay! Look! I can mash potatoes with my walker!!!

And 103-year-old Alex Gumpel! My dish is better than anything you've ever tasted before...I can't remember what you call it, and I can't remember how you make it, but I do remember it's really good!

Damn! How did I miss this great idea?



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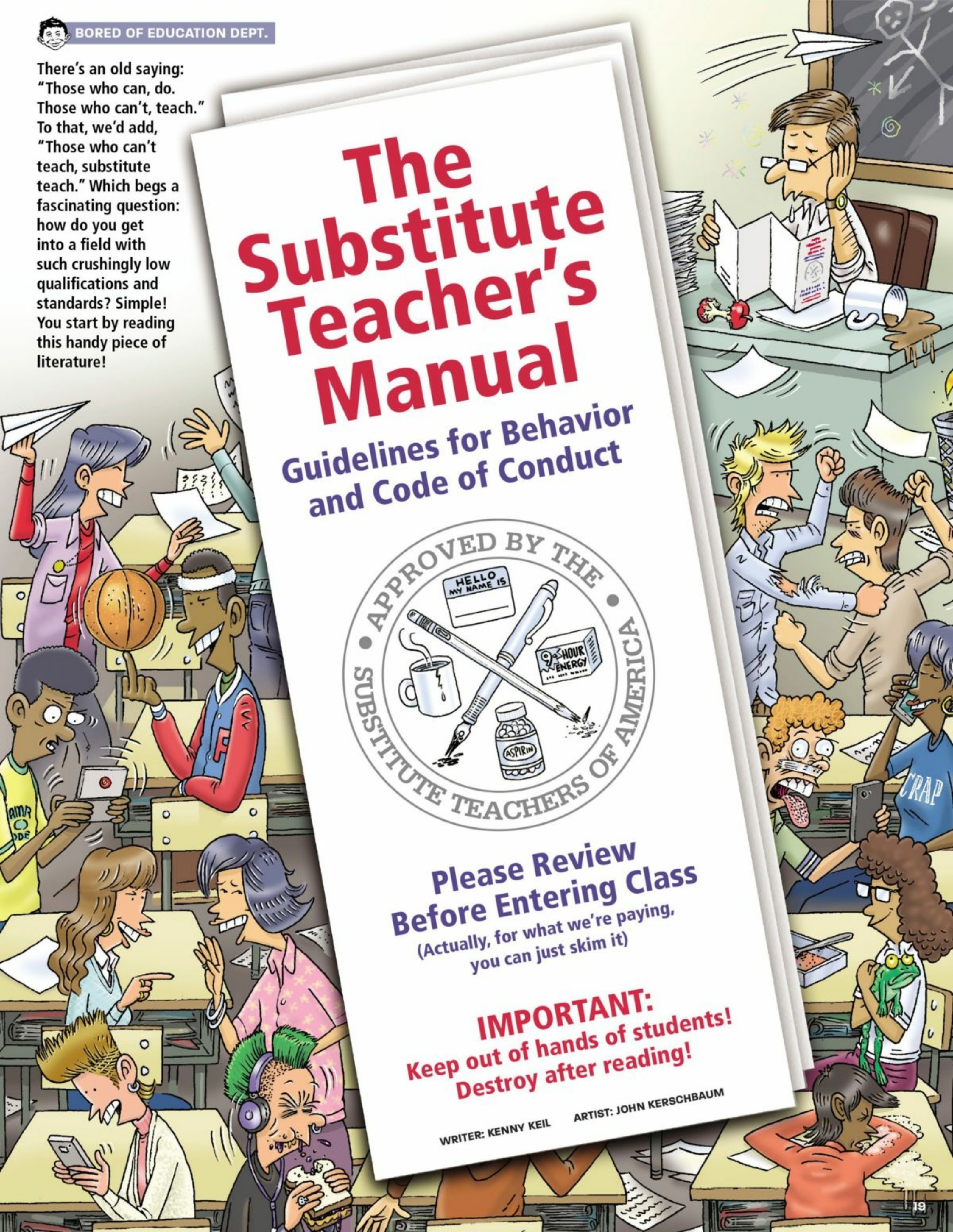


Please Review  
Before Entering Class  
(Actually, for what we're paying,  
you can just skim it)

**IMPORTANT:**  
Keep out of hands of students!  
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# WELCOME!

Hello and welcome to the exciting world of substitute teaching! When you teach, you're helping to mold America's future. But when you substitute teach, you're getting 90 bucks to sit in an air-conditioned room and check attendance all day! No, seriously, a monkey could do this job. The only difference is that the kids might actually get emotionally attached to a monkey.



And so here YOU are, prospective sub! But before you go out and buy that clip-on tie and cup of clean urine, you must first pass our Substitute Teacher Eligibility Test to determine whether you've got what it takes! Are you ready? Here goes...

**Q: Who led the Normans to victory during the Battle of Hastings in 1066?**

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**Q: Do you know how to operate a DVD player?**

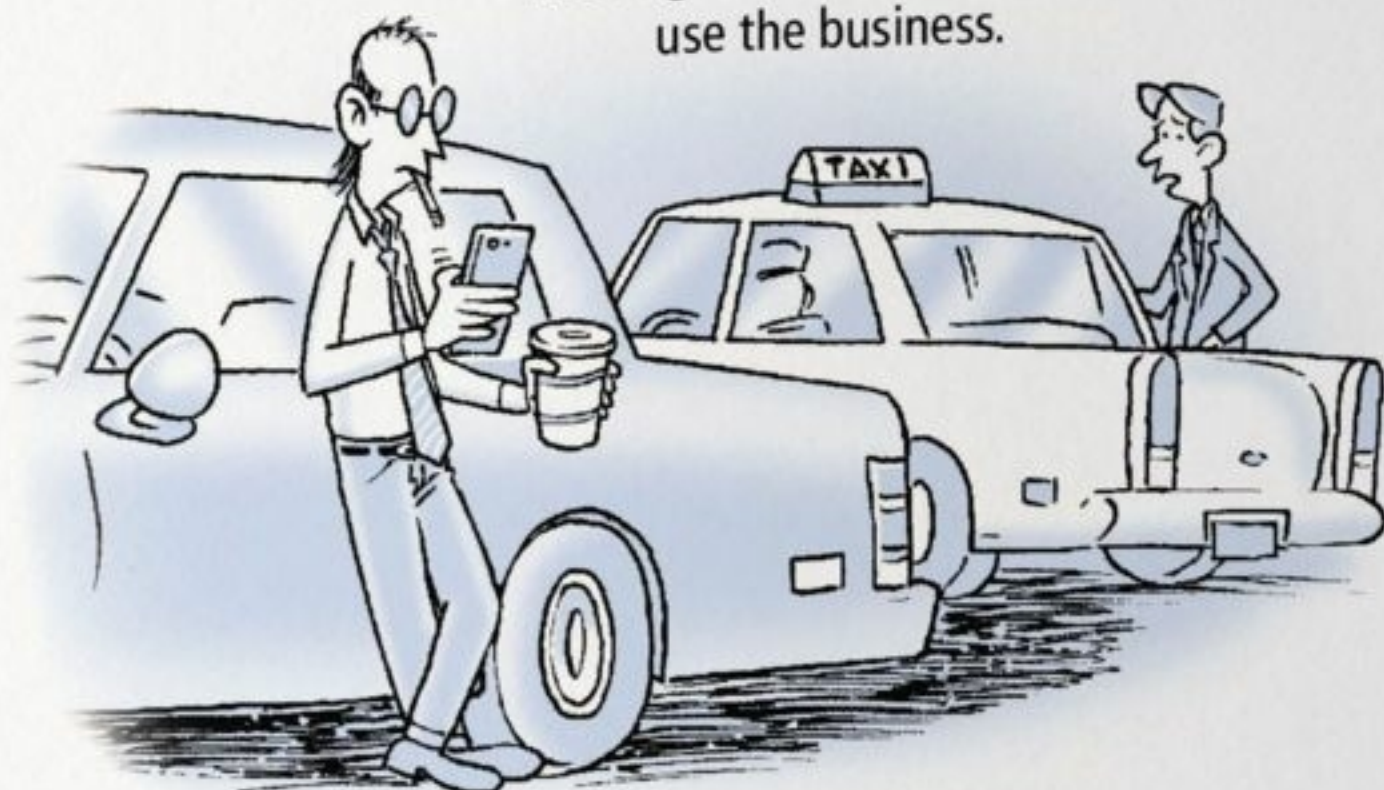
If you answered "Yes," then congratulations! You're hired! Now, let's go over a few ground rules to get you started.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS

- ★ Moderately clean clothes
- ★ Valid ID (driver's license, passport, police composite sketch)
- ★ Pen (pen does not need to actually work)



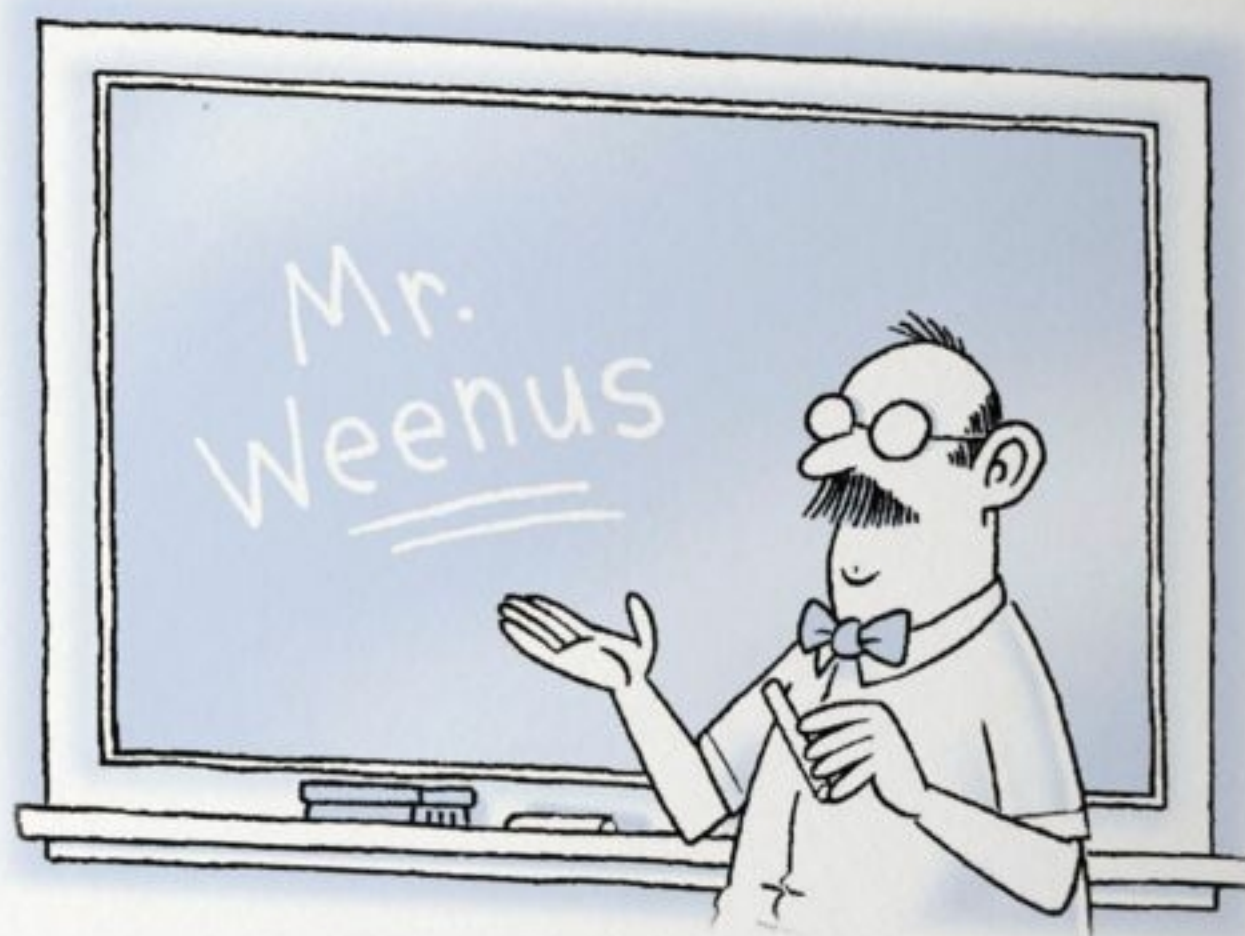
**NOTE:** If you require transportation to and from school, please let us know. Most of our faculty moonlights for Uber and could use the business.



## CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT TIPS

### Be Prepared

- ★ Take a minute to reflect back on your own time as a high school student. Then multiply how terrible you were by 1,000, because, hoo-boy, things have changed.
- ★ Write your name on the board to help introduce yourself to the class. If your name happens to rhyme with any embarrassing body parts or bodily functions, just go by "Teach" instead.



- ★ Win your students' respect by coming up with a compelling fictitious backstory. For example, undercover cop, former Spice Girl, etc.
- ★ Try to get all your sobbing out of the way in between classes.

### Take Charge

- ★ Podiums are great for making you look like a respectable adult — and they're also handy shields, once the students start throwing things.
- ★ Keep the students busy with meaningless tasks so they never have time to realize the person in charge has no business whatsoever being in a position of authority. See? You really are helping to prepare them for the real world!





★ Don't be afraid to use scare tactics! Remind the students that failure to apply themselves could one day result in a career in substitute teaching.

**REMEMBER:** You're not there to make friends. (Except in the case of students whose parents own a huge business and may be in the position to offer you real employment.)

## Be on the Lookout for these Common Student Scams

- ★ Parental excuse letter signed "My Mom"
- ★ Effusive compliment immediately followed by request for a hall pass
- ★ "Emergency" meeting of The Future Phlebotomists, Wakeboarding Team or other non-existent student organization



**REMEMBER:** Personal Internet use is strictly prohibited and all social networking sites are blocked by our servers. If you catch a student in violation of this rule, send him to the principal's office immediately, so we can find out how he did it.

## Health & Safety

Tylenol and first aid supplies can be found in the front office. Most other drugs can be found in various student lockers throughout the building.

**REMEMBER:** Absolutely no running in the halls, regardless of how eager you are to get the hell out of here.



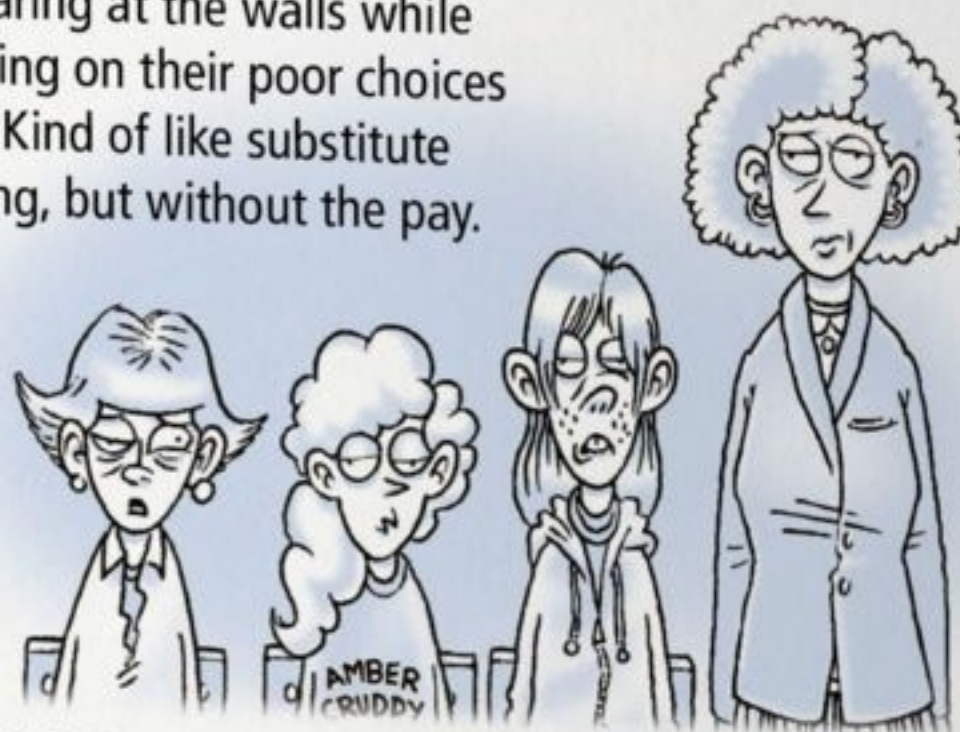
## Disciplinary Policies

★ If a fight breaks out in class, it is your responsibility to break it up as soon as it starts to get boring.



★ Cheating and plagiarism are not tolerated in the classroom. (Unless you're the teacher, in which case test answers and old lesson plans can be found in the top drawer of your desk.)

★ Detention can be an effective form of punishment that forces delinquent students to sit in a classroom for hours, just staring at the walls while reflecting on their poor choices in life. Kind of like substitute teaching, but without the pay.



**REMEMBER:** Substitutes get paid the same wage regardless of whether their students learn anything or not, so try not to make the other teachers look bad by teaching too hard.

## Running Out the Clock

You can't go wrong showing a movie. However, the school board requires that the movie at least *sounds* like it has an educational purpose. Be creative! For example:

- ★ History: *Gladiator*
- ★ Driver's Ed: *Mad Max: Fury Road*
- ★ Biology: *Sharknado*
- ★ Spanish: Any Speedy Gonzalez cartoon



## CONCLUSION

Thanks again, prospective sub! You may not be making a difference in any students' lives, but you're making a difference in the lives of the school's full-time teachers and administrators — by allowing them to call in sick and take a long weekend. And isn't that the greatest gift of all?



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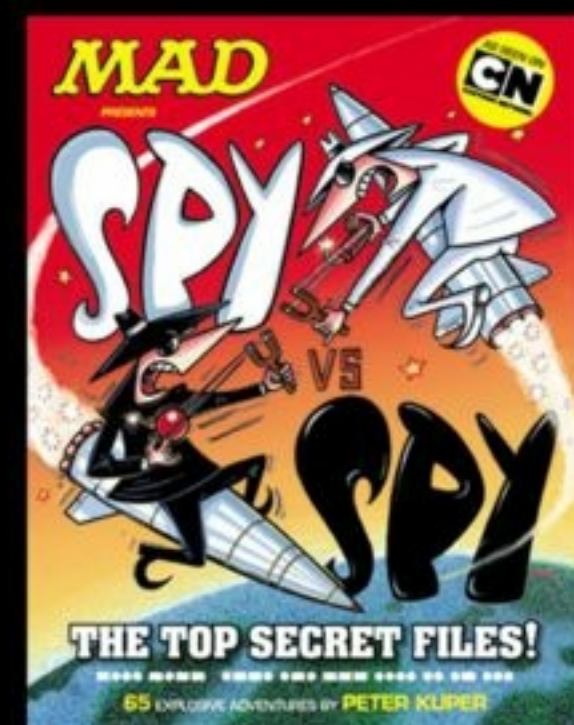


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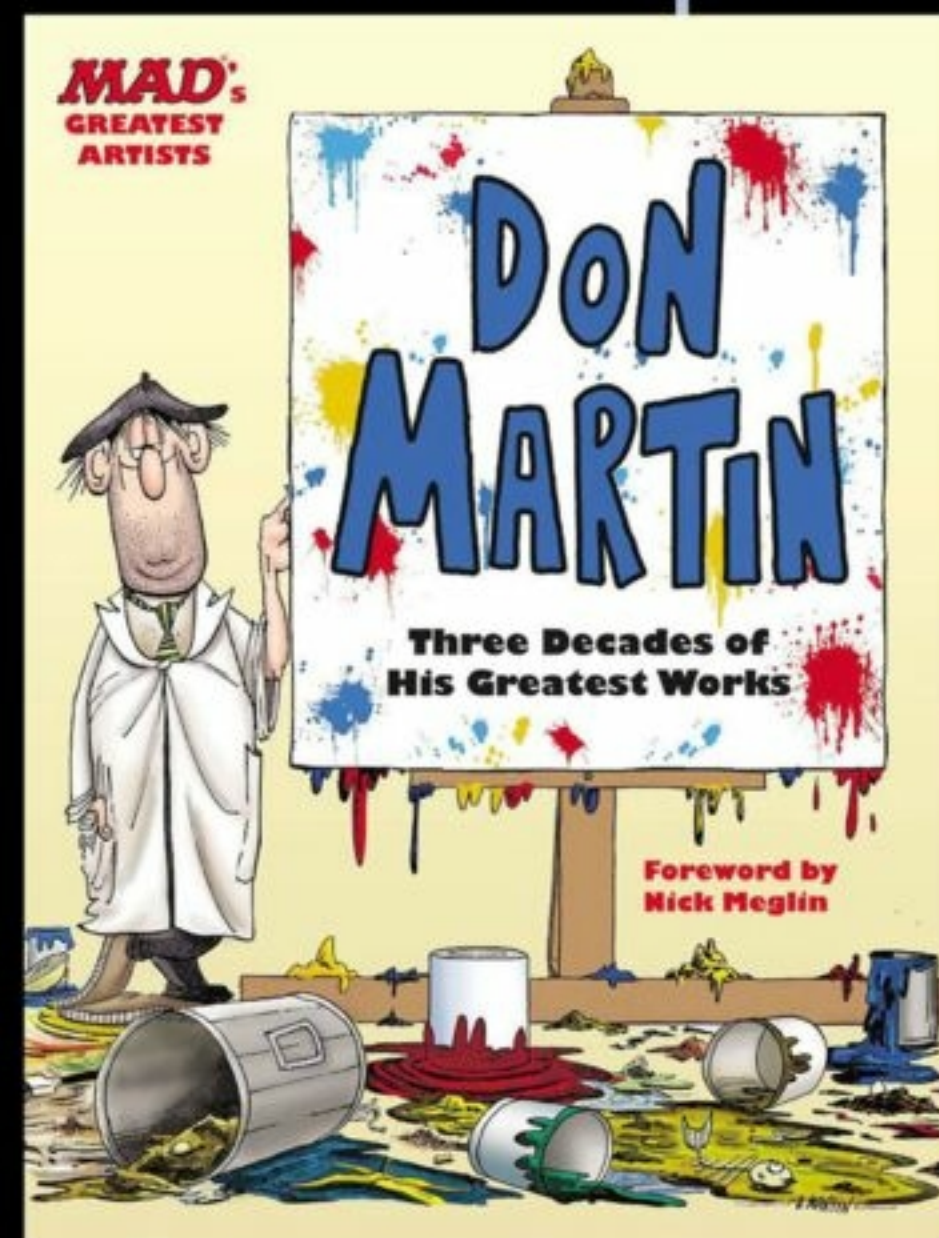
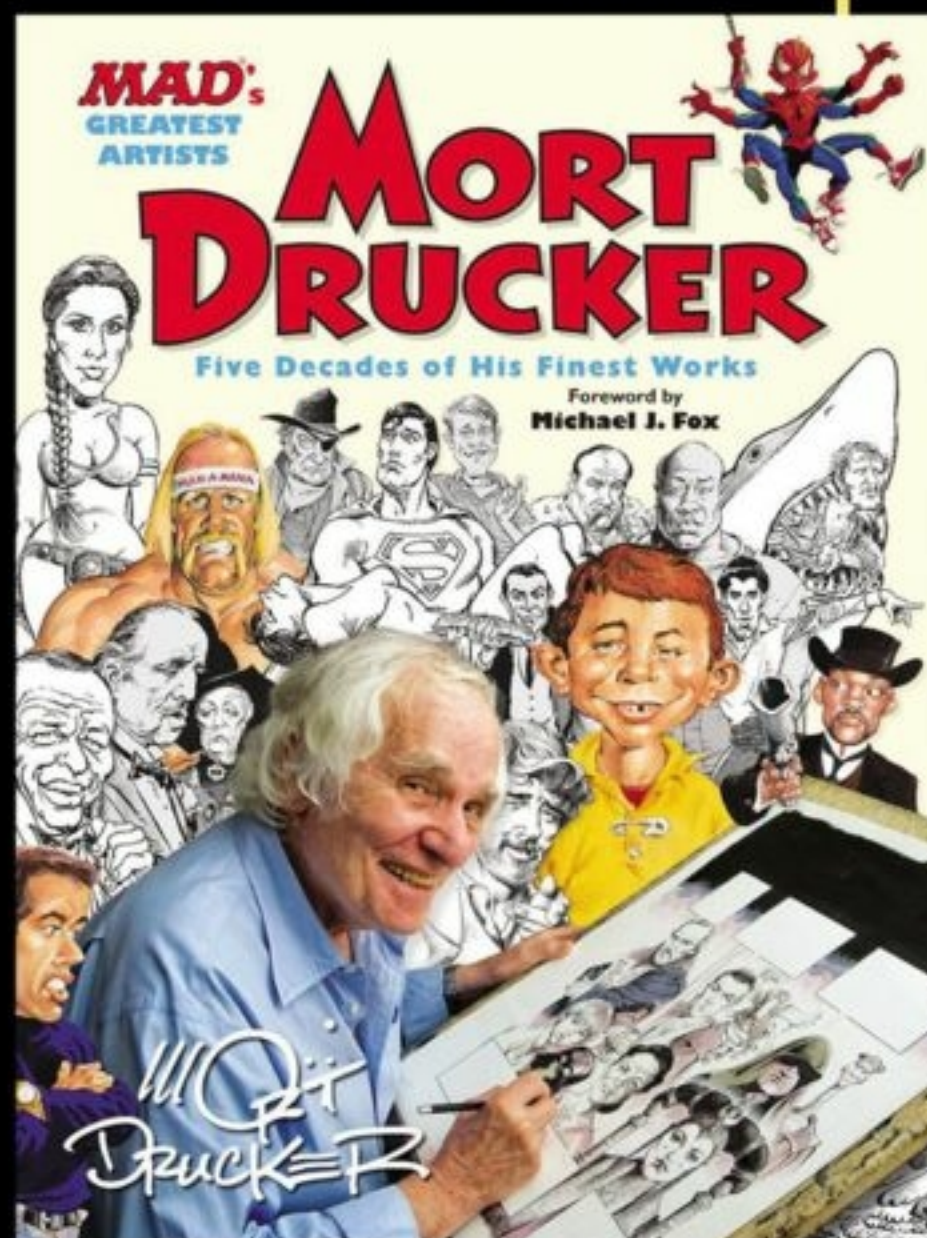
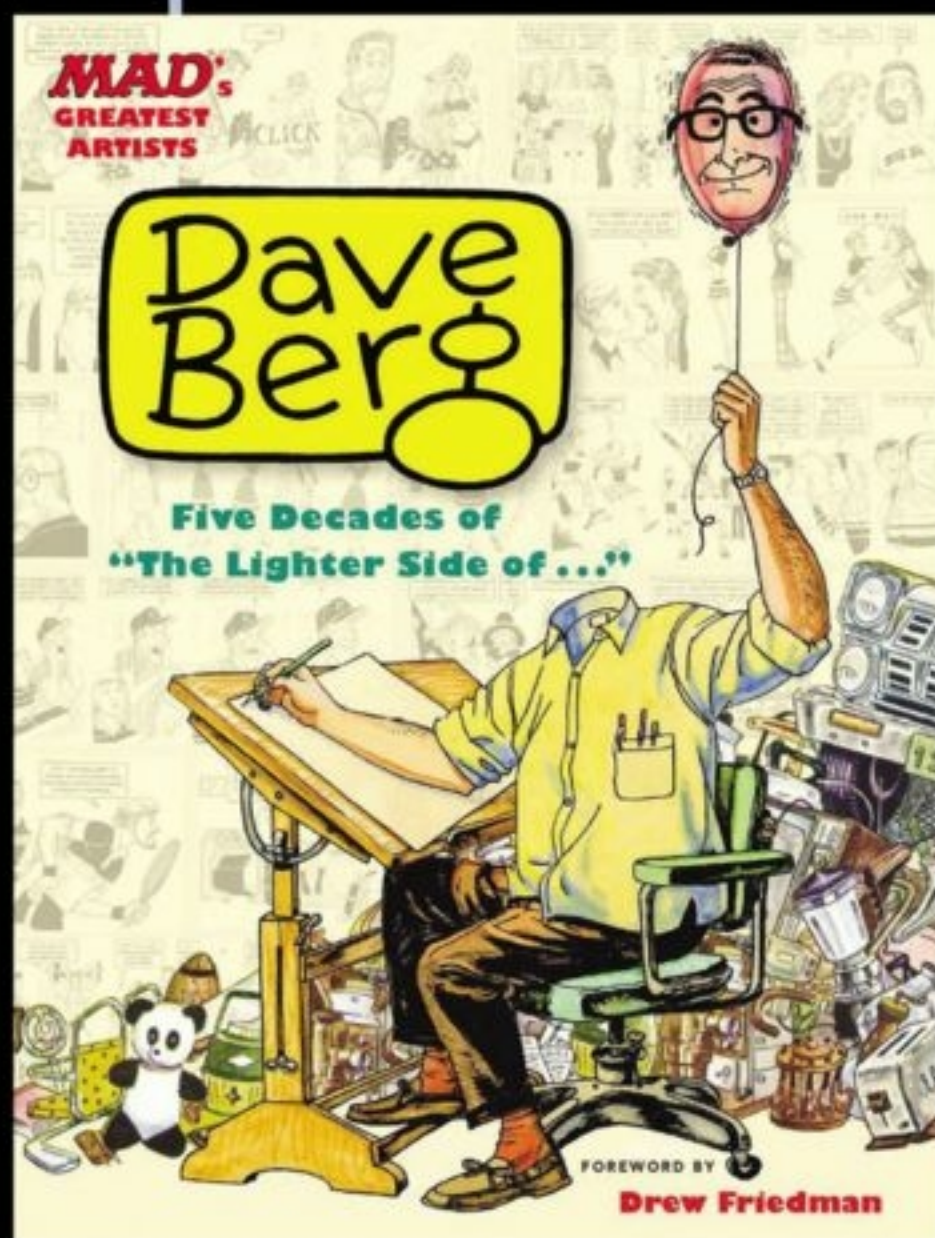
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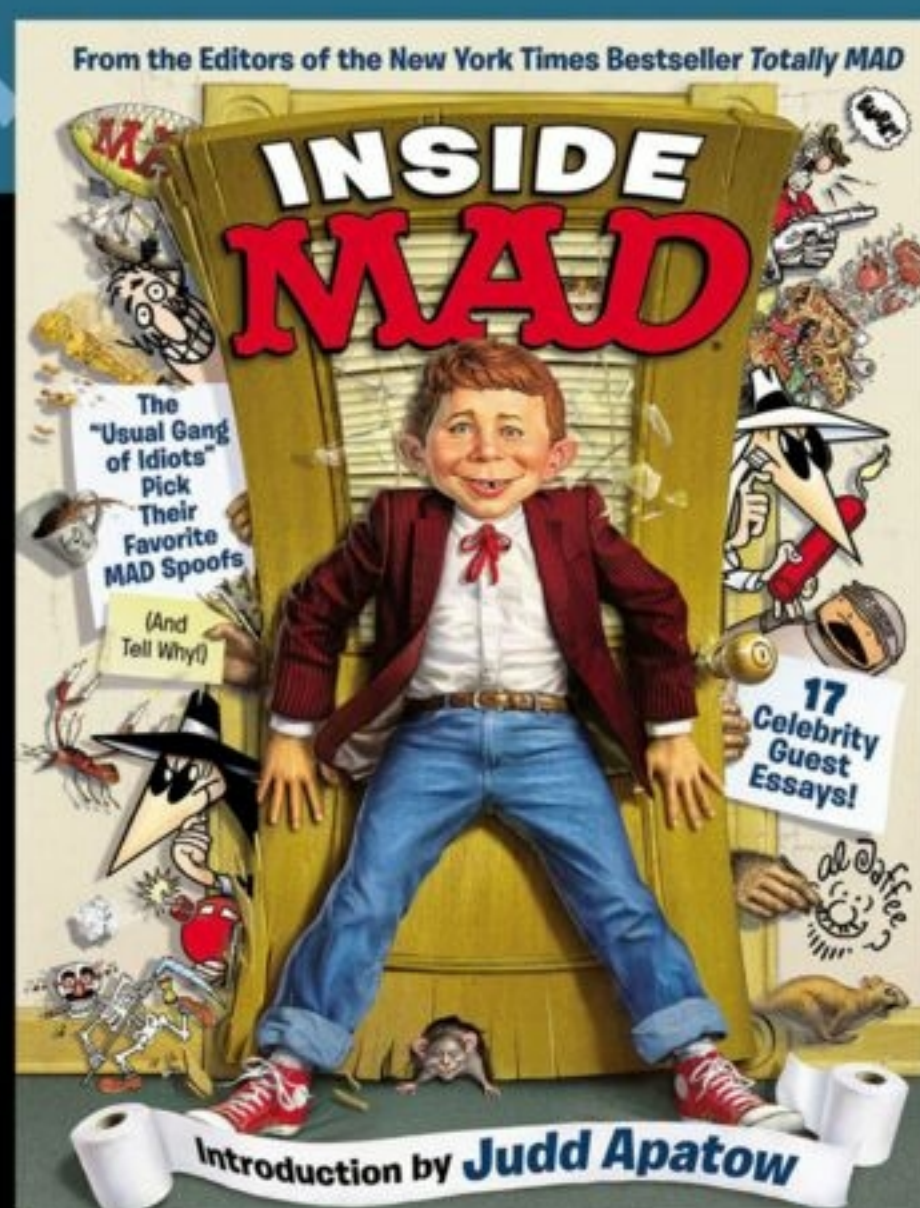


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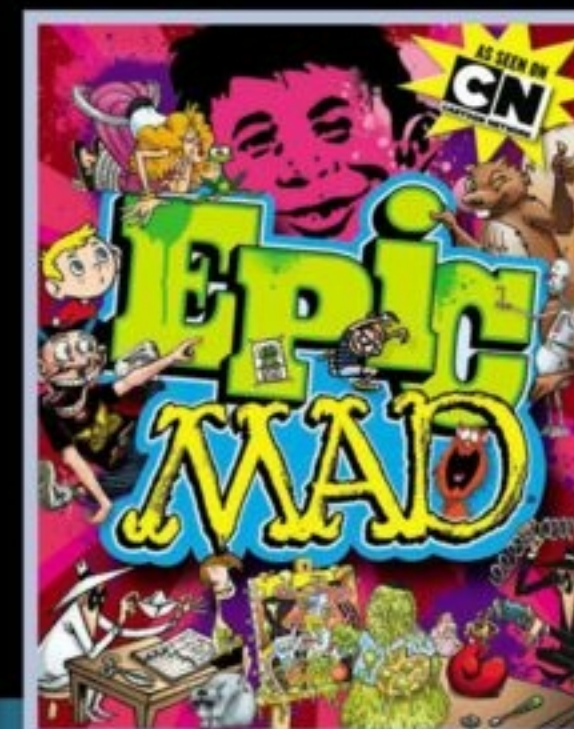
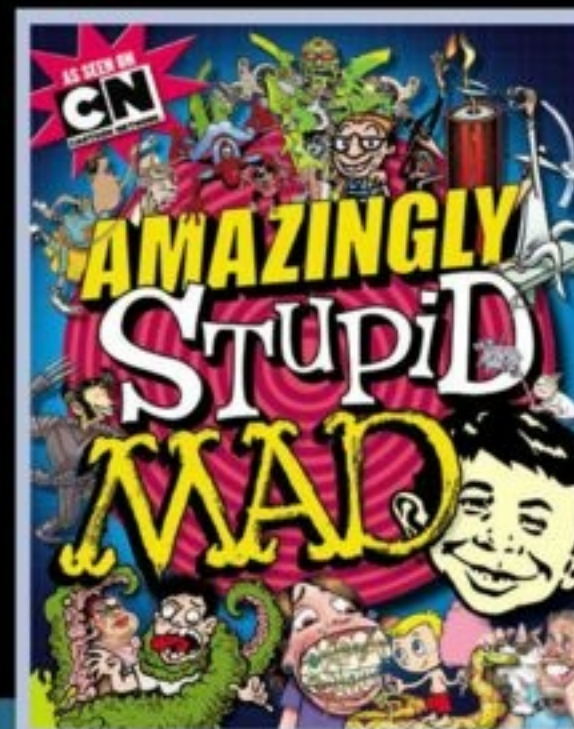
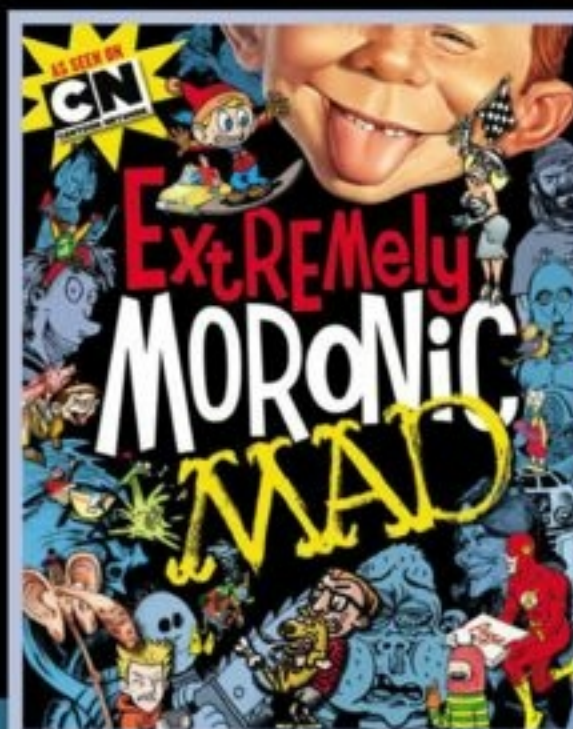
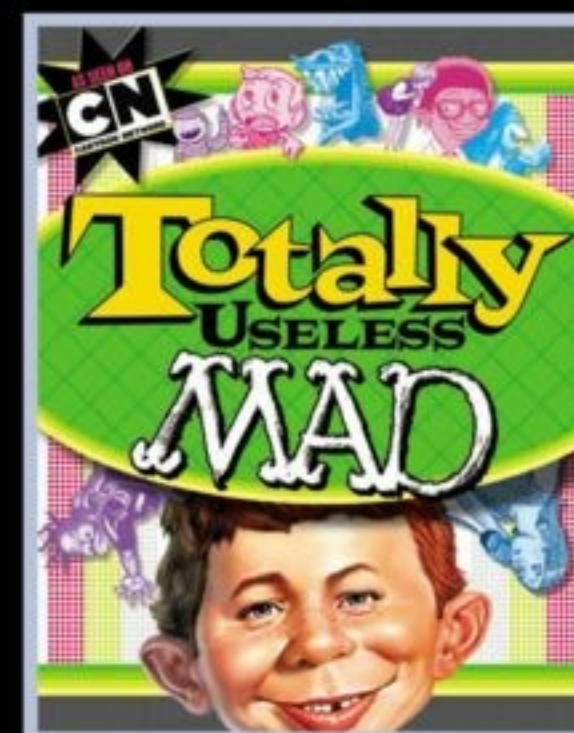
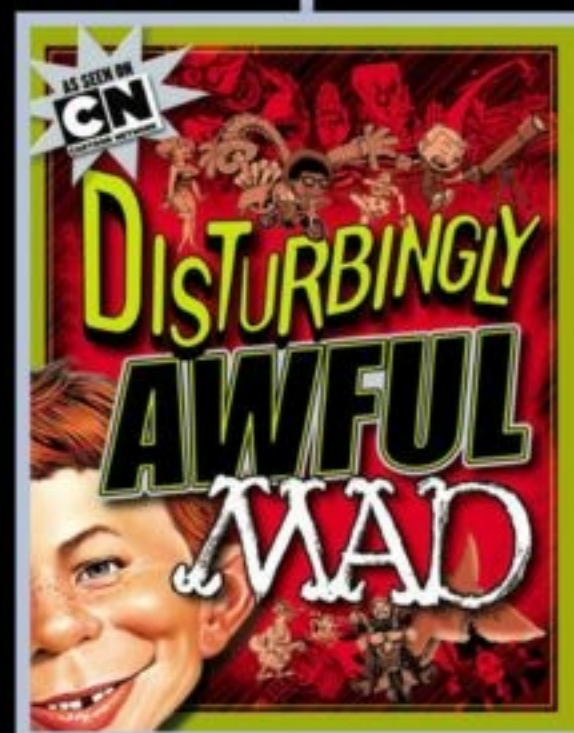
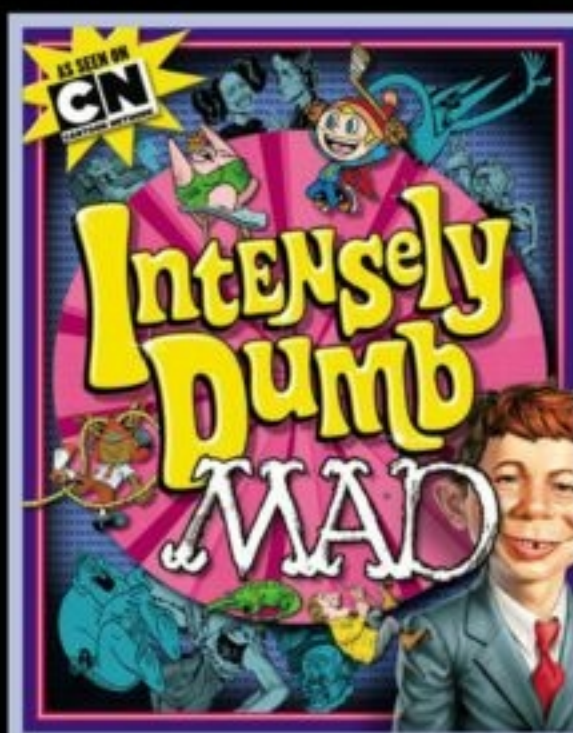
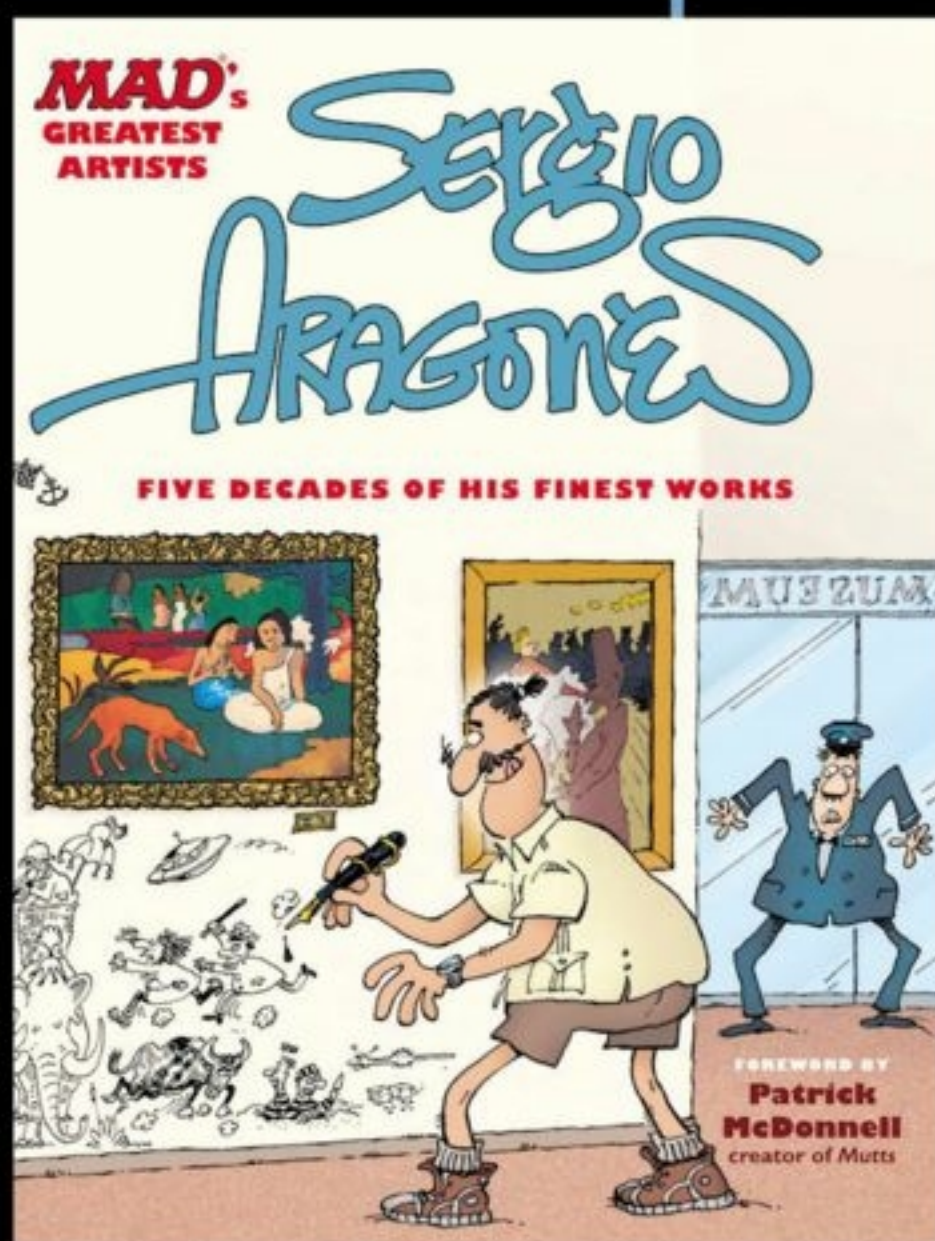
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# THE HUNGER GAMES

VS.

# NFL GAMES



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## The Hunger Games...

Sacrifice poor, unfortunate souls who have practically no chance to survive



## NFL Games...

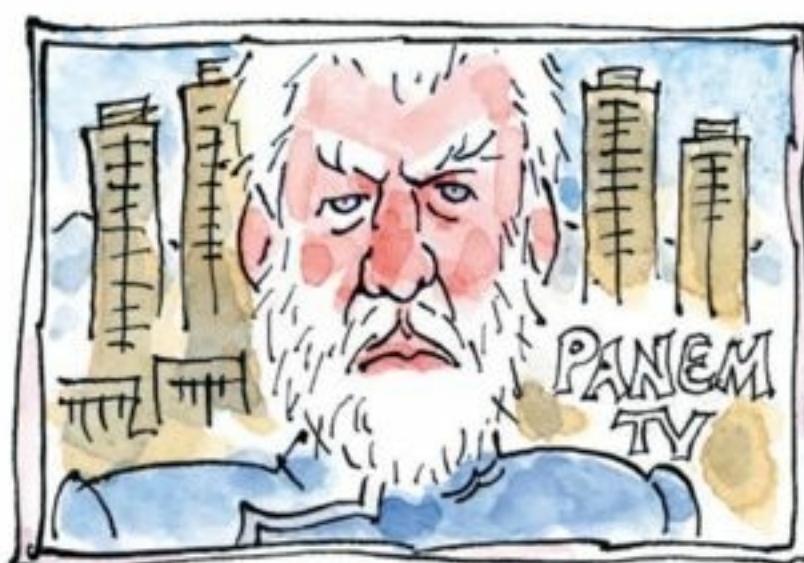
Feature the Jets, Raiders and Jacksonville Jaguars



ADVANTAGE: The NFL!

## The Hunger Games...

Are run by a ruthless dictator, responsible for the deaths of millions



## NFL Games...

Are run by Roger Goodell



ADVANTAGE: Tie!

## The Hunger Games...

Are hosted by the ridiculous Caesar Flickerman, who is known for his constantly changing hair color



## NFL Games...

Are hosted by the dimwitted Terry Bradshaw, who is known for his blindingly bald scalp



ADVANTAGE: The Hunger Games!



### The Hunger Games...

Can result in a gruesome death if you make the wrong decision



### NFL Games...

Can result in a blown Super Bowl if you throw on f#&kin' second and goal from the one-yard-line



ADVANTAGE: Tie!

### The Hunger Games...

Feature the mockingjay — a symbol of pride and defiance



### NFL Games...

Feature the Redskins name and logo — symbols of racism and white privilege



ADVANTAGE: The Hunger Games!

### The Hunger Games...

Winners are often haunted by vivid memories of the terrible things they've gone through



### NFL Games...

Players can't remember what they ate for lunch, thanks to endless, untreated concussions



ADVANTAGE: The Hunger Games!

### The Hunger Games...

Competitors' families live in fear of violent retribution from the Capitol



### NFL Games...

Players' families live in fear of violent retribution from the players themselves



ADVANTAGE: The Hunger Games!

### The Hunger Games...

Have characters named Katniss, Haymitch, Peeta and Effie



### NFL Games...

Have players named Le'veon, Ndamukong, Zoltán and Golden



ADVANTAGE: The NFL!

### The Hunger Games...

Lead Katniss and Peeta to threaten to eat poisonous berries in a desperate attempt to win



### NFL Games...

Players ingest dangerous cocktails of quasi-legal painkillers and cutting-edge PEDs in a desperate attempt to stay in the league



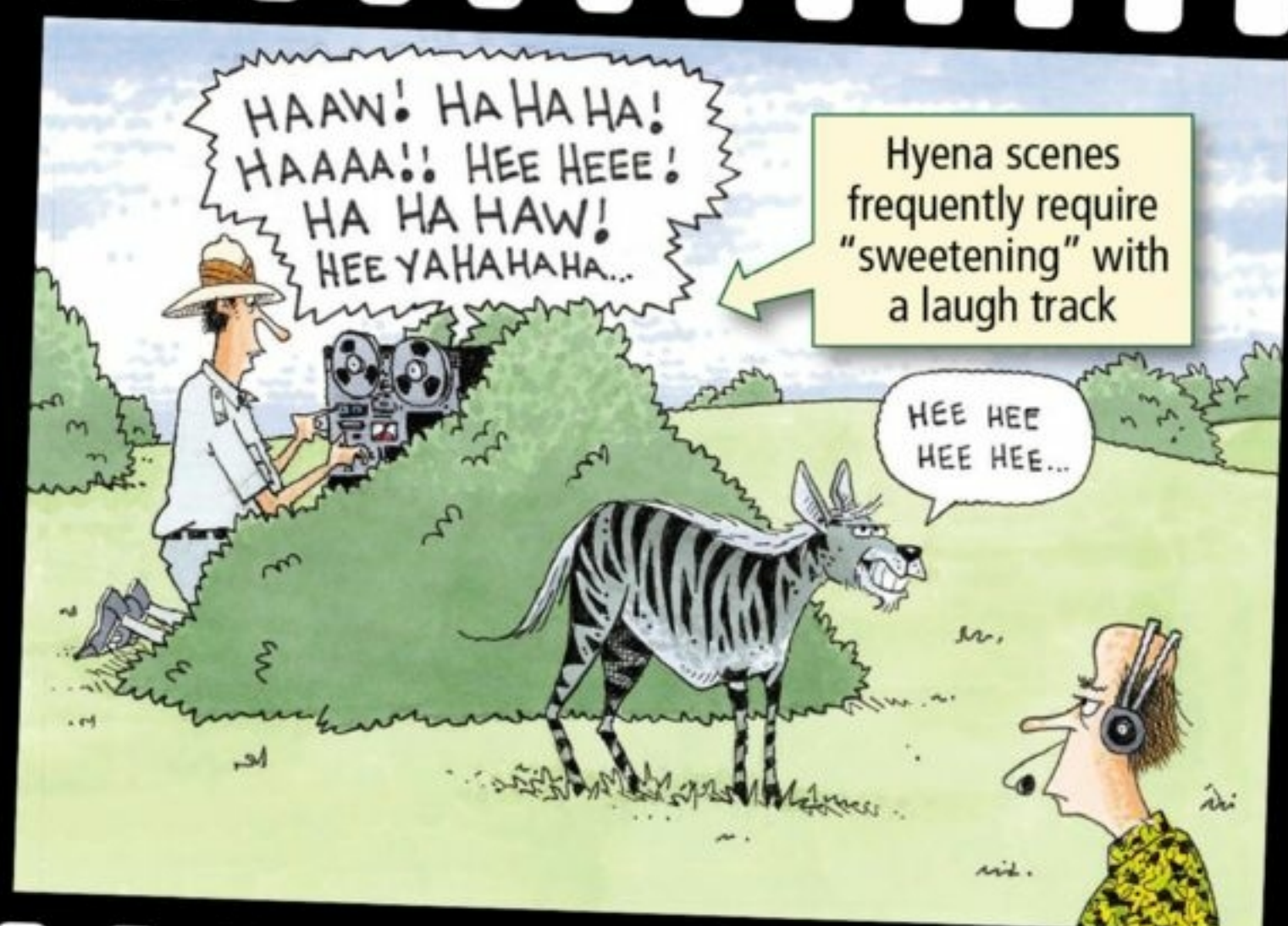
ADVANTAGE: The Hunger Games!





Who doesn't enjoy curling up on the couch to watch an interesting and informative documentary about the marvelous and diverse wildlife that inhabits our great planet? Just about everyone! Which is why it's particularly heartbreaking for us to reveal that these films rarely come close to presenting the truth! Just as in Hollywood, scenes are faked, prima donnas abound and a seedy culture exists. Few outside of this sleazy industry even knew — until now. Roll cameras as we sadly present...

# The Previously Untold Show-Biz Secrets of





Lost Amazon tribesmen are surprisingly shrewd negotiators

OKAY ON THE BLOW DART DEMONSTRATION, BUT IF YOU WANNA SHOOT THE WIFE'S JUGS IT'S GONNA COST YOU.



BUFWAAACK!

CUT!

Filmmakers often cut costs by shooting scenes at petting zoos and digitally removing horrified toddlers later

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It's a fact that a great many endangered species wouldn't be quite so endangered if it weren't for boom mic mishaps

WRITER AND ARTIST: JOHN CALDWELL

A pride of lions has never devoured a zebra in less than 15 takes

EEEEW! GROSS!!

CUT!

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Insiders will tell you that the key to getting a polar bear to pose on a melting ice floe is an elderly Eskimo

THOOOP!





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= Another rebellious issue of MAD on sale today!

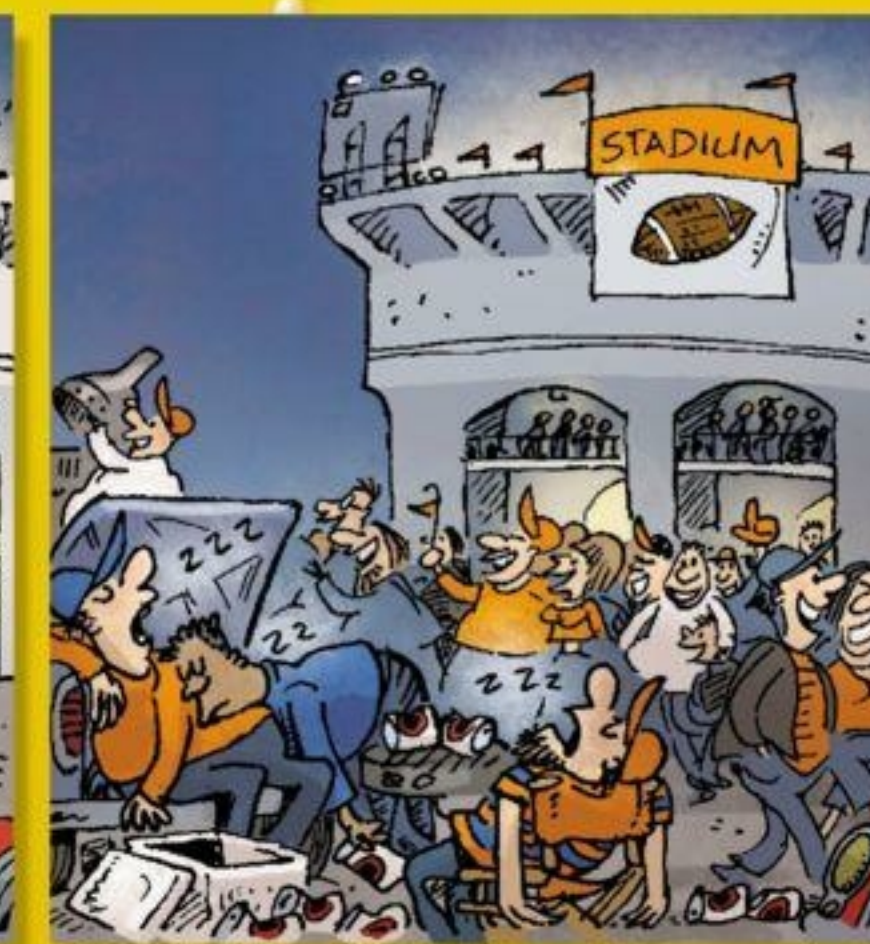
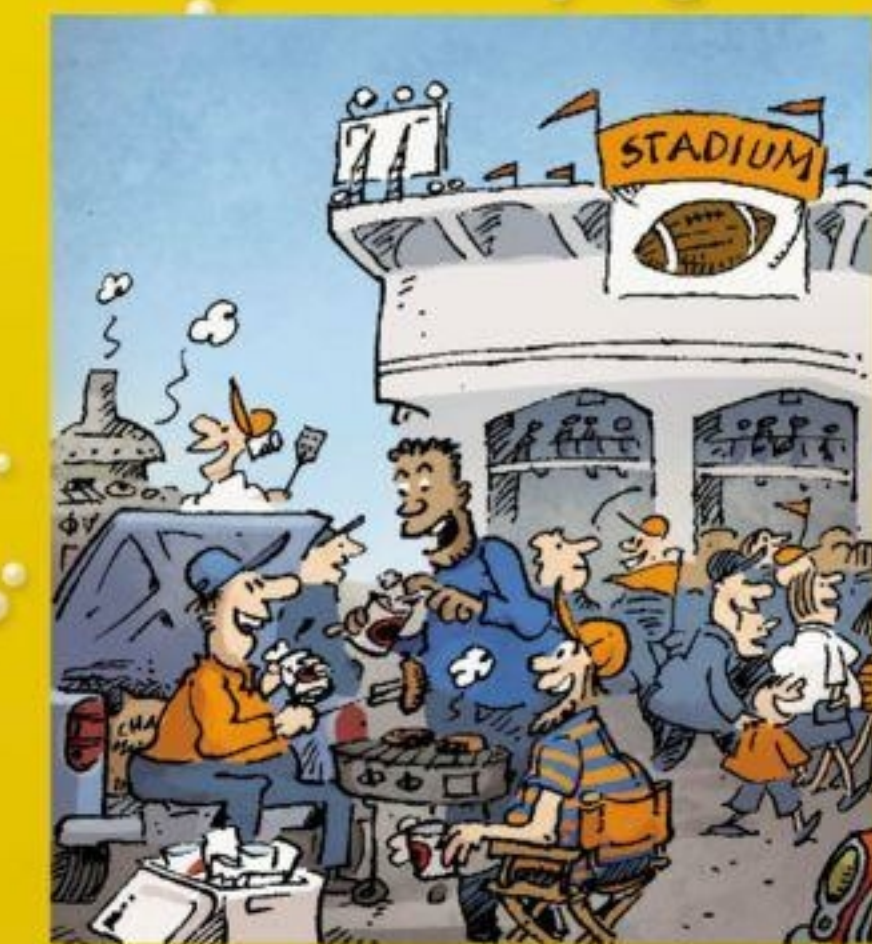




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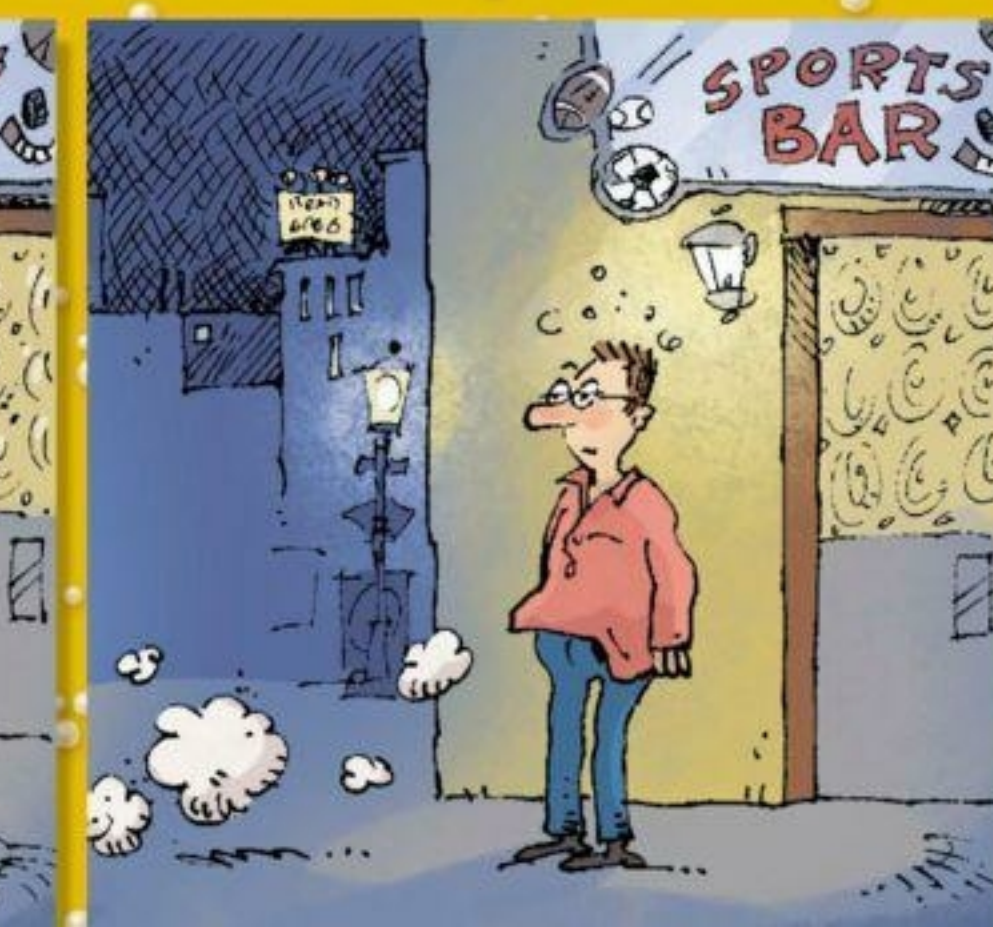
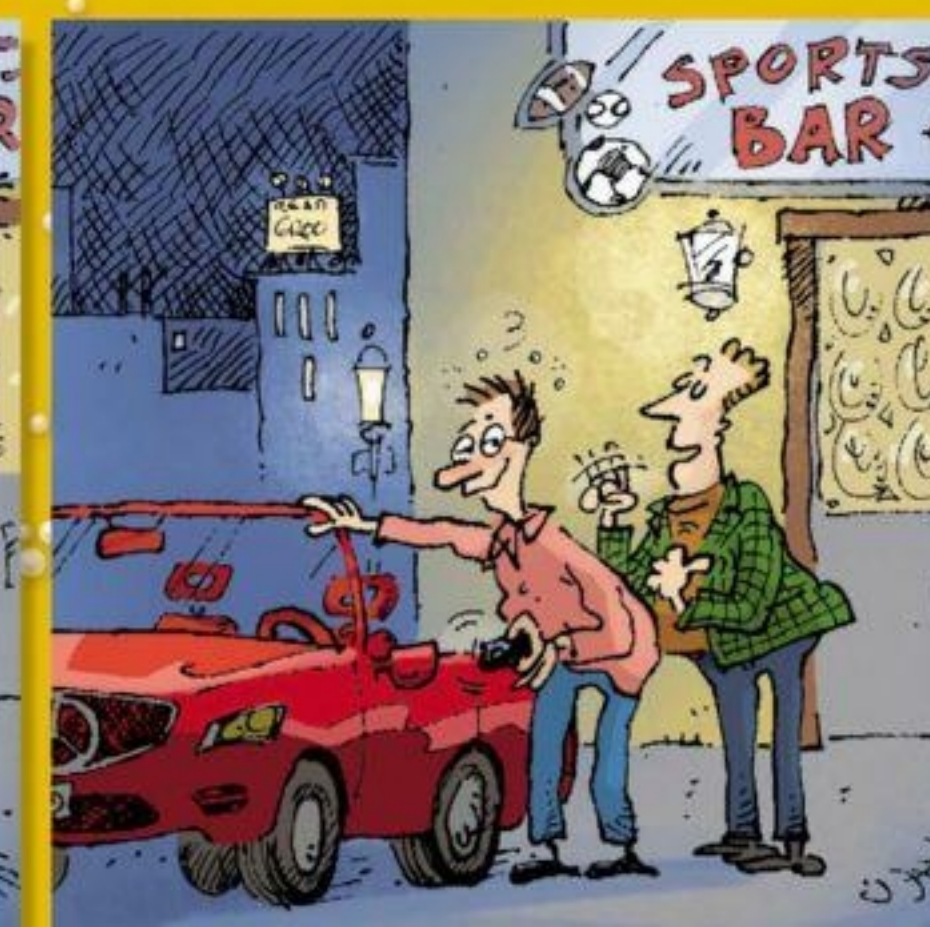
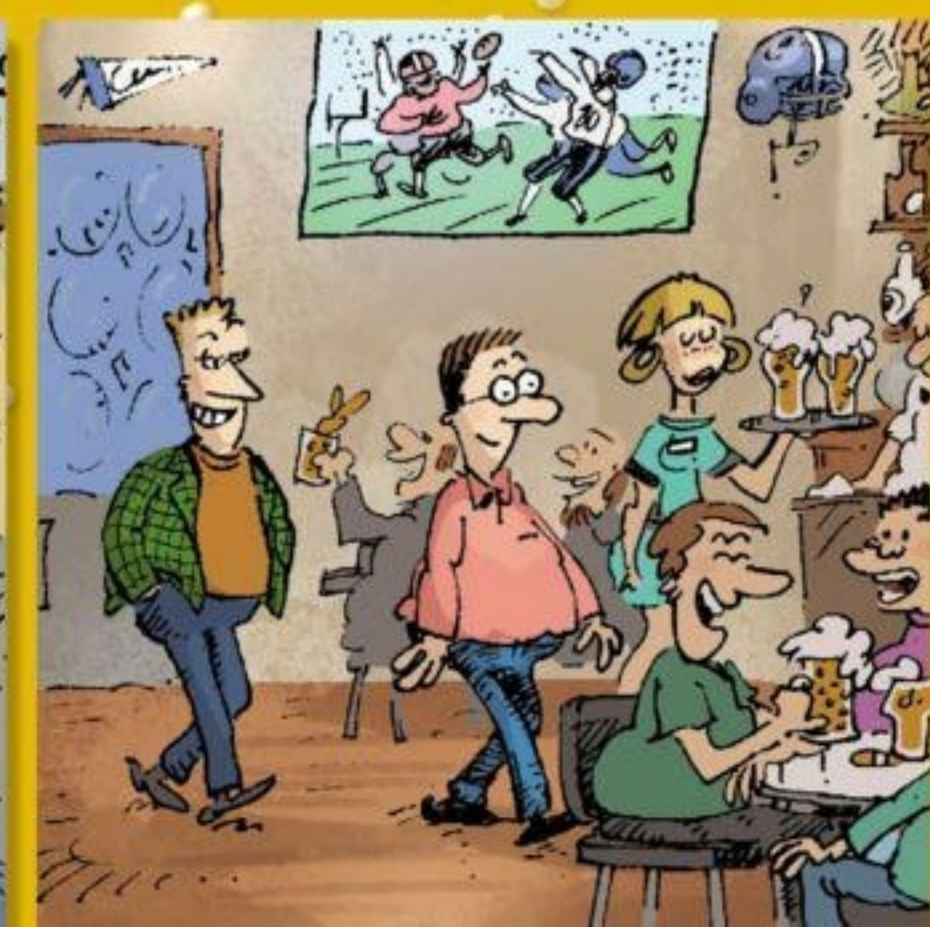
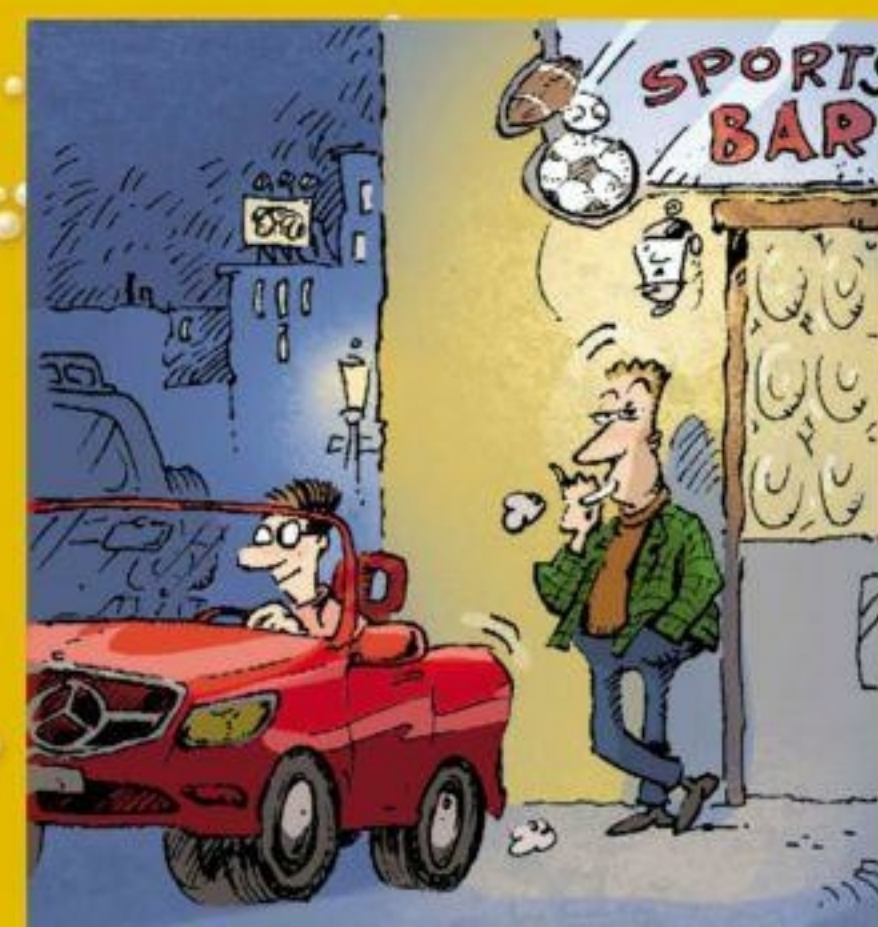
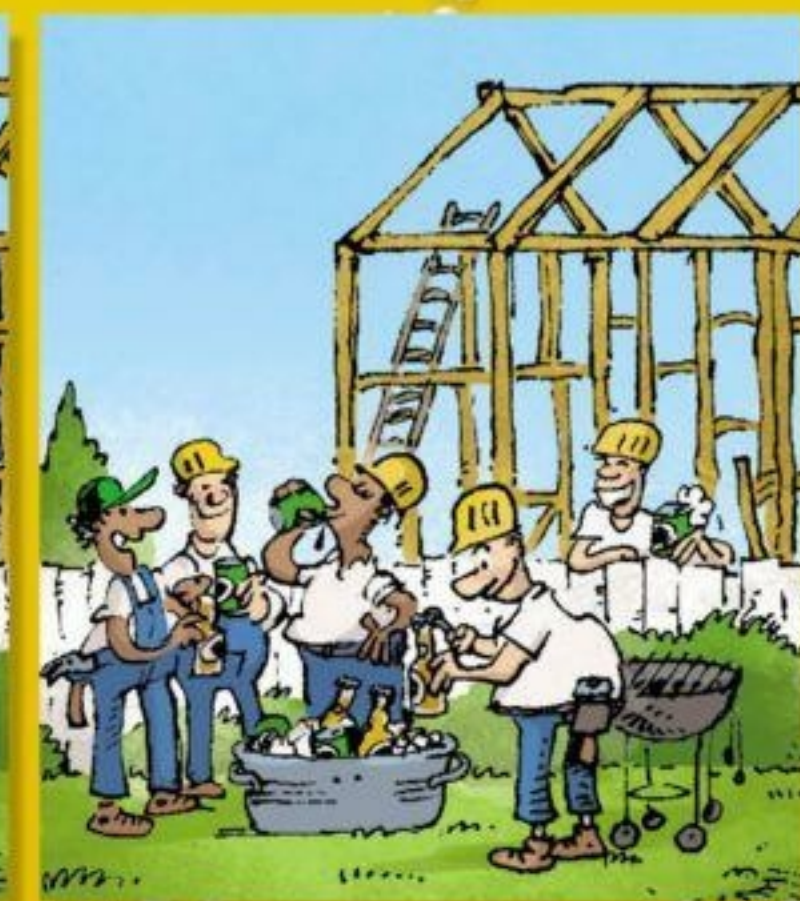
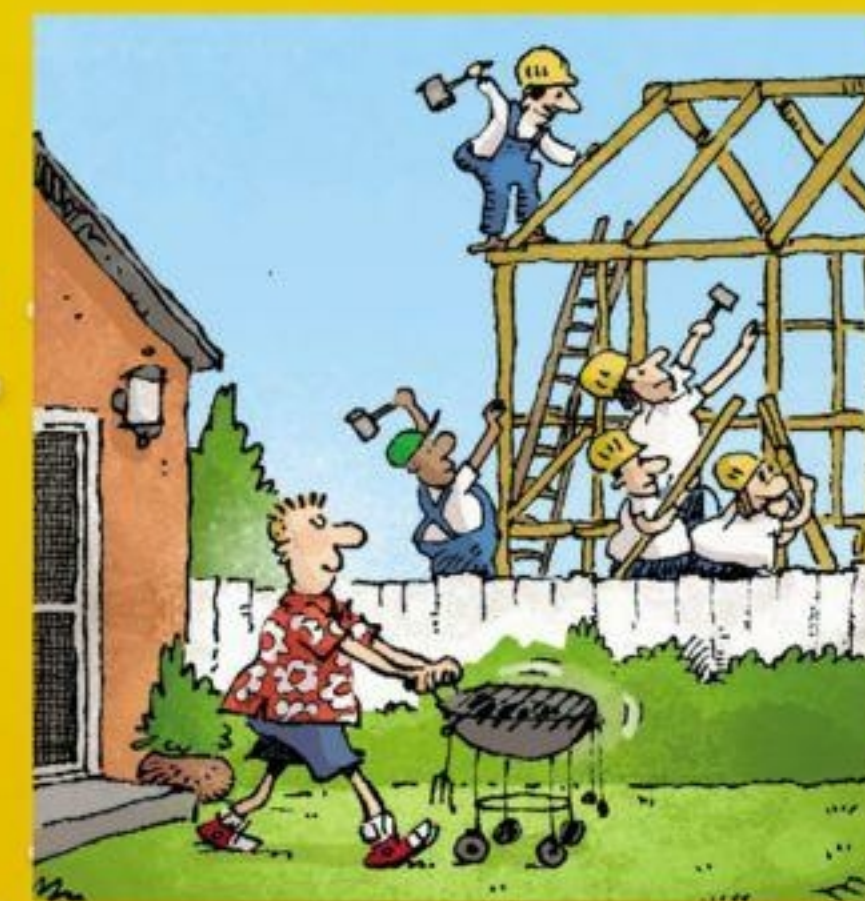
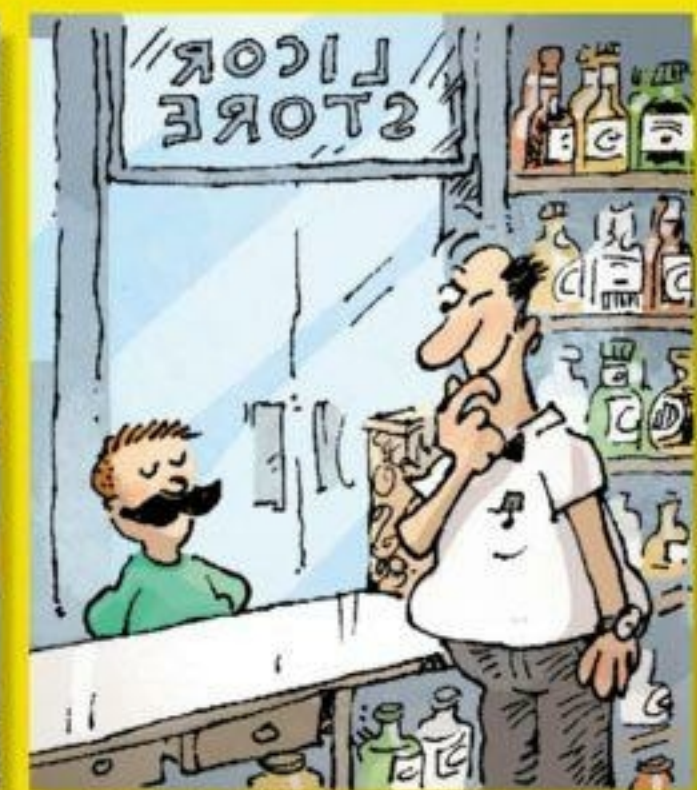
# A MAD LOOK AT BEER



WRITER AND ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONÉS COLORIST: TOM LUTH











Picture this: a teen, living in a nightmarish future, must overcome great odds to save the day and change the world! Actually, there's no need to picture it — every other movie already has that exact plot! *The Hunger Games*, *Divergent*, *The Maze Runner*, *Ender's Game*, *The Giver*, *Hotel Transylvania 2* (it's there if you look for it!)...but why wait almost eight minutes until the next movie like that comes out when you can create one yourself?

# MAD's MAKE YOUR OWN "TEEN DYSTOPIA" MOVIE!

IN A POST-APOCALYPTIC WORLD  
WHERE AMERICA HAS BEEN REPLACED BY

WRITER: JONATHAN BRESMAN



a totalitarian state  
where food is scarce



one too many  
Crate and Barrels



a charming but over-  
priced bed and breakfast



the void where Chris  
Christie's morals were



roving gangs of  
celebrity chefs



throng of pudgy  
cosplayers



Canada  
(and vice versa)



a particularly  
tedious Bar Mitzvah

AND FATES ARE DECIDED BY AN EVENT KNOWN AS



the Choosing,



November,



International Talk  
Like a Pirate Day,



the Happy Honda  
Days Sell-abration,



Shark Week,



the World Toilet  
Summit & Expo,



Woman Crush  
Wednesday,



Watch What  
Happens: Live!,

THE FUTURE HINGES ON A CHILD WHO IS GOOD AT



archery.



the intricacies  
of maritime law.



rock, paper, scissors.



finding a great  
deal on mani/pedis.



guesstimating  
your inseam.



inventory  
management.



corporate event  
planning.



blaming farts  
on others.

OUR HERO STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE



a really big maze



the last 15 minutes  
of that week's *SNL*



the Coconut  
Water wars



a live taping  
of *The Talk*



a summer job  
at Pinkberry



an embarrassing  
autocorrect



back-to-back meals  
at The Olive Garden



an ear-candling  
mishap

WHILE RESCUING AN ATTRACTIVE RIVAL FROM



the manipulations of  
a corrupt government.



what's left of Ukraine.



a gluten-free diet.



a scathing  
Comedy Central roast.



a botched Amazon  
drone delivery.



SAT prep.



a sleep apnea  
machine.



tweeting an  
ill-conceived selfie.

EVEN THOUGH THEY SUFFER FROM



unwittingly committing  
genocide,



a really rough wedgie,



being lifelong  
Cubs fans,



weak stream,



text neck,



a deluge of Duggars,



the jimmy legs,



a bad case of  
the grumpies,

THEY EARN THE RESPECT OF THEIR MENTOR,



a grizzled colonel



the "Apparently Kid"



Sad Keanu



Groot



OxiClean pitchman  
Anthony Sullivan



a disgraced  
Brian Williams



a confused  
Robert Durst



Neil deGrasse Tyson's  
doppelgänger

AND PROVE THEY'RE ABLE TO



fight



pass for Dutch



binge-watch  
*Orphan Black*



get the U2 album  
off their iPhone



sauté leeks



handle the responsibility  
of owning a pet



explain credit  
default swaps



transcend the whole  
kale vs. chard debate

AND SIMULTANEOUSLY



start a revolution.



bundle up those  
old newspapers.



make gnocchi  
from scratch.



buy or lease a Kia.



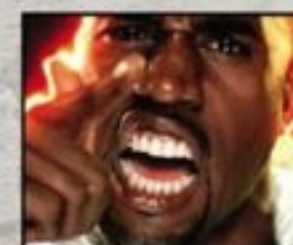
peel a tangelo.



lose weight while  
gaining muscle.



start an artisanal  
mayonnaise company.



endure a Kanye rant.





***KEEP GOING, CLOD!***



# A MAD THREE-FOR-ALL!

ON SALE  
OCTOBER 6



AVAILABLE INDIVIDUALLY OR  
IN AN EXCESSIVE THREE-VOLUME SLIPCASE EDITION!





# THE STRIP CLUB

IT ONLY HURTS  
WHEN I LAUGH



YOU'RE HERE?  
I THOUGHT I WAS  
CALLED IN TO  
HANDLE LITTLE  
JIMMY.

HE'S SUCH A BRAT,  
MAYBE THE SANDMAN  
COORDINATOR THOUGHT  
IT'D TAKE TWO OF US.

WHAT'VE YOU  
TRIED SO FAR?

MAGIC SLEEP SAND,  
BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM  
TO BE WORKING.

WAHHH!

WAH/HHHH!!

WAHHHH!!  
PHHWOOSHH



DUMP!

YOU KNOW, THE  
RETIREMENT PLAN  
AND HEALTH BENEFITS  
ARE PRETTY GOOD, BUT  
SOMETIMES I WONDER IF  
THIS JOB'S WORTH IT.

HEY, GUYS. READY TO GO  
GET SOME BREAKFAST?

OH. HEY, DEATH.  
WE CAN'T. JIMMY HERE  
WON'T FALL ASLEEP.

WAHH/HHHHHHH!!

WAHHH/HHHHHHHHH!!

DON'T SUPPOSE  
YOU COULD, YOU  
KNOW, DO SOME-  
THING ABOUT IT?

YOU **KNOW** I'M  
NOT ALLOWED TO  
BREAK THE RULES  
LIKE THAT.

I'LL BUY  
YOU A SLICE  
OF BLUEBERRY  
PIE TO GO WITH  
YOUR BREAKFAST.

SNAP

WAH/HHHHHH!  
WINK







NATHAN COOPER



NOAH VAN SCIVER



# DETECTIVE SLOW-ON-THE-DRAW!



JASON YUNGBLUTH



CHARLES BRUBAKER AND PAT DORIAN



# HOMUNCULUS



ERIC HAVEN





## ANIMAL RITES DEPT.

Here's a quick primer on life:

You're born, you grow up, you get married, you have a kid, the kid nags you to buy him a pet, you buy the pet, you feed the pet, you walk the pet, you bathe the pet, the pet grows old, the pet dies, and you get to experience the "joy" of comforting your child when his beloved Sparky goes to that great doghouse in the sky.

But at least when that day comes, you'll be prepared because you know all the...

# APPROACHES TO AVOID WHEN YOUR CHILD'S PET DIES



## TECHNICAL



ARTIST: LESLIE STERNBERGH  
WRITER: JEFF KRUSE



## COMEDIC



## OVERLY SYMPATHETIC





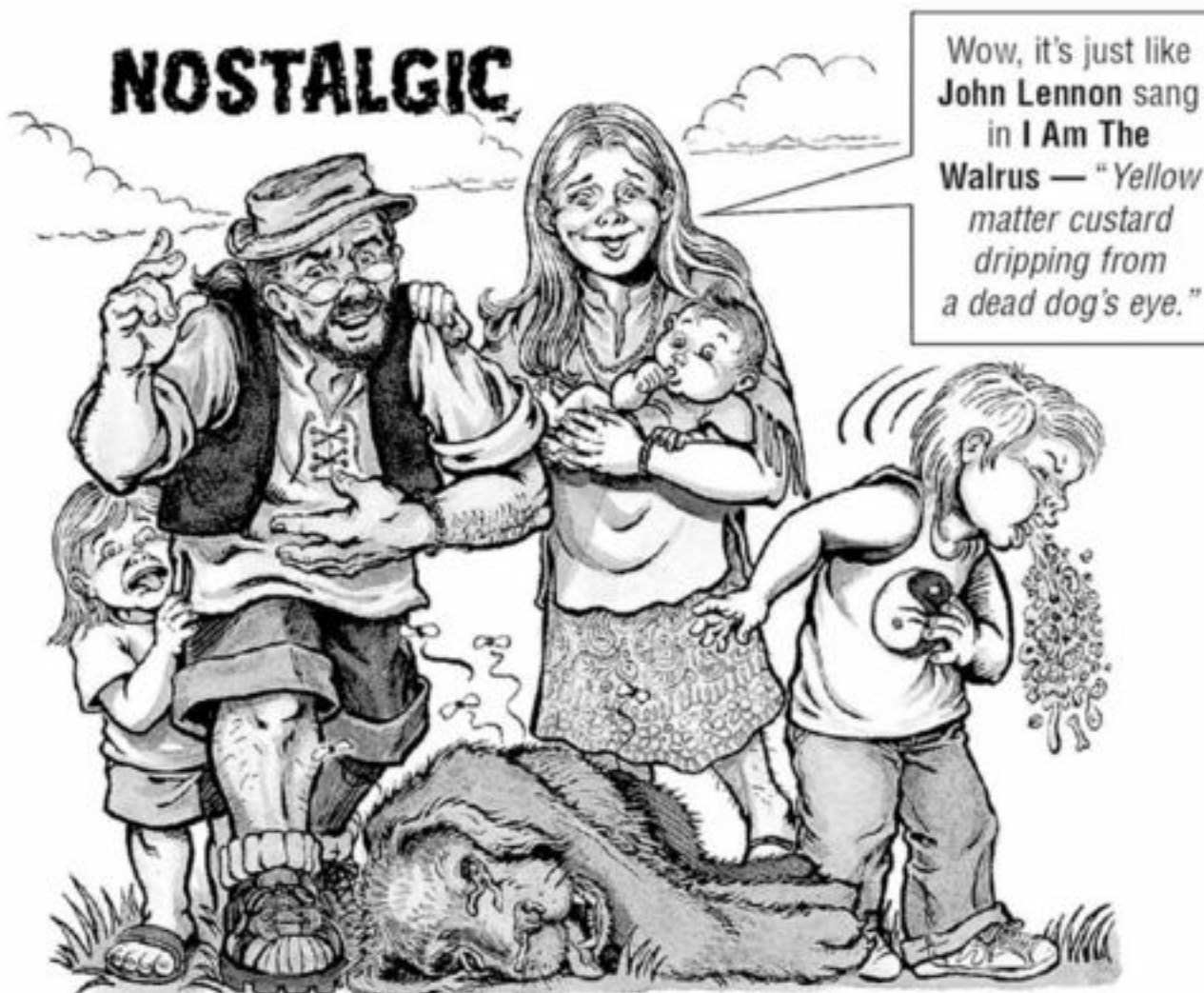
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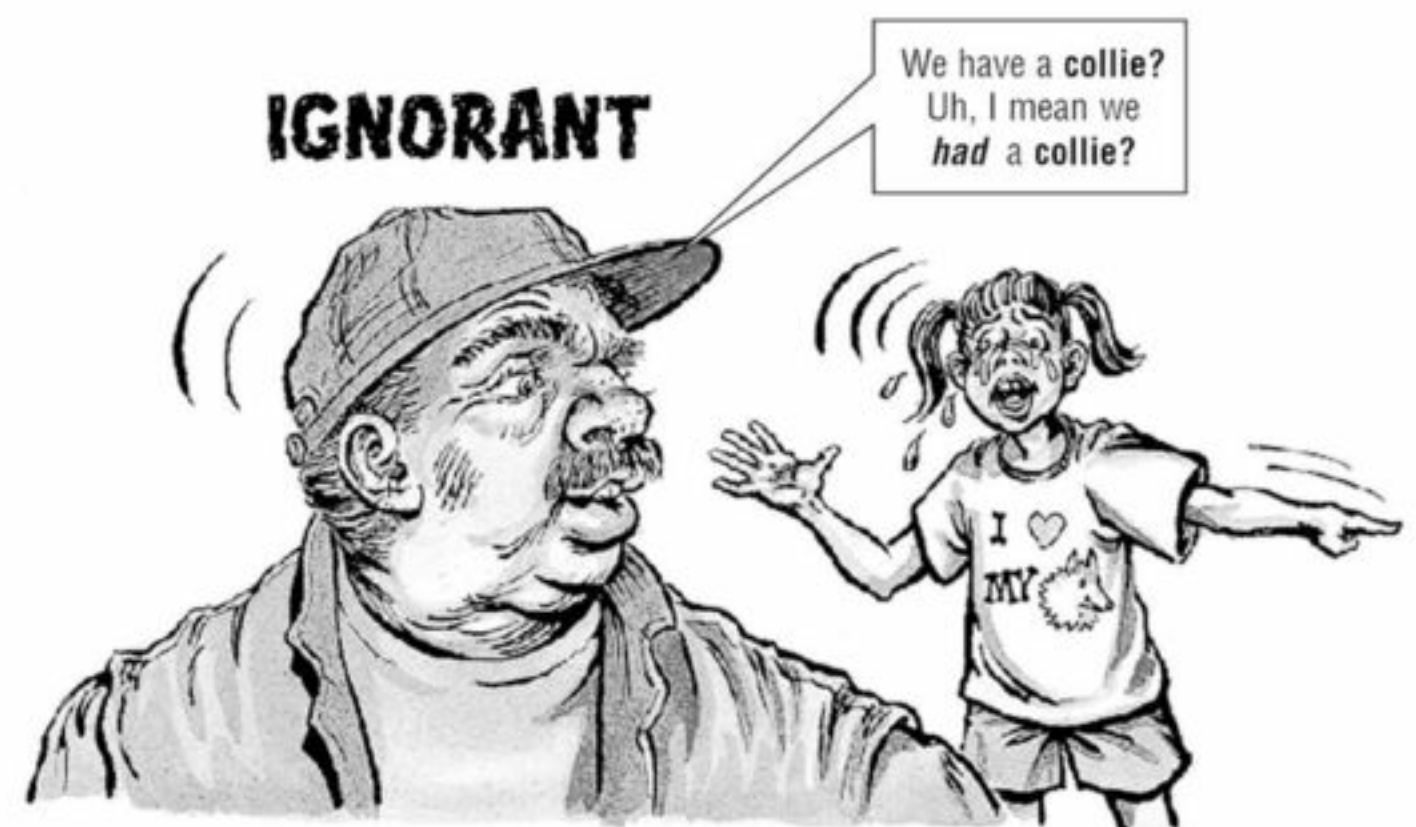
## NOSTALGIC



## SARCASTIC



## IGNORANT



## RELIGIOUS





## ULTRA-PERKY

Well, golly, that's just **not too fun**! But you know what? I bet if you put a **great big smile** on your face, sing a **happy tune** and put your **chin up**, things will be **lookin' up** in no time!

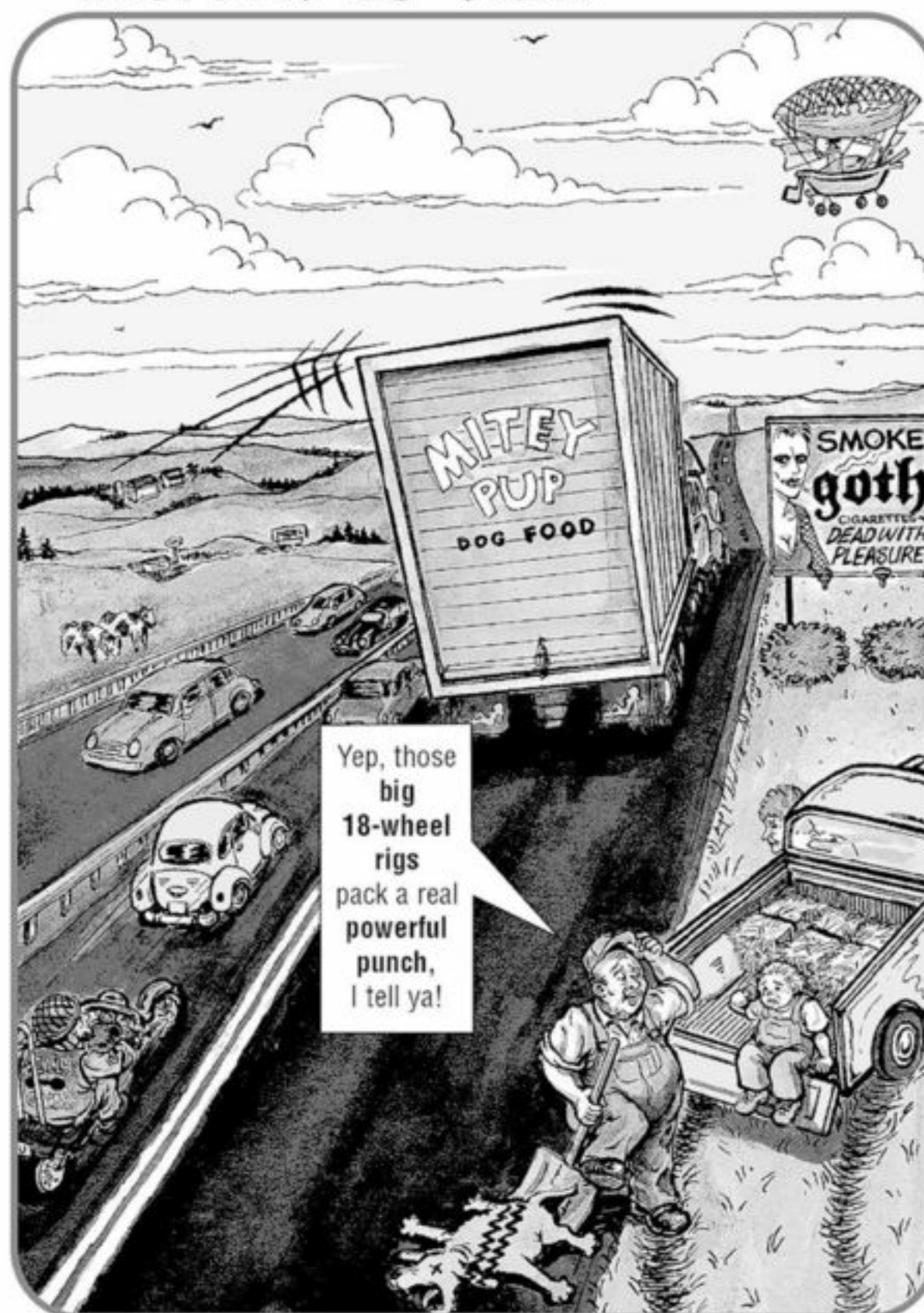


## PRETEND NOT TO HEAR

What? You said, "**Dover fried**"? As in **Dover fried filet of sole**? Yes, that sounds like it would be a **good dinner**!



## MATTER-OF-FACT



Yep, those **big 18-wheel rigs** pack a **real powerful punch**, I tell ya!

## CHANGE OF SUBJECT

I am **truly sorry** for you, son... oh, by the way, you **aren't really my son**!



You think the **dog dying** is **bad**, but that's only the **start**! Just wait until I **die**, and your **mother dies** and you're **left all alone**! That will be **REALLY horrible**!



## DOOM AND GLOOM

## BLATANTLY DISHONEST

Don't worry, honey, he's only **dead for today**! Tomorrow he'll be **alive again**, just like in the **cartoons**!





# Death Star 3.0 – Now With Protected Shafts and Trenches!

by The First Order (formerly the Galactic Empire)



**2,395,221,978,389**

backers

**113,745,822,331**

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**52**

hours to go

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Help us protect the Death Star 3.0 from infiltrating X-Wings so we can continue the Empire's proud legacy of destroying peaceful planets of freedom-loving dissidents.

*(Now accepting pledges from the Outer Rim!)*

📍 Geonosis

🔧 Technology

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## Campaign

### About this project

Until now, we haven't had the technology to make a Death Star with shafts, pipes and trenches impervious to small fighters. As everyone in the galaxy knows, this was what made Death Stars I and II vulnerable to every Force-wielding farm boy and self-satisfied smuggler.



### How it works

A net is placed over the opening of every trench, exhaust port, pipe and thermal shaft so that nothing can get in and blow up the Death Star. Simple. What could possibly go wrong?



## Rewards

### 10 credits

🟢 612,342,861,003 backers

Your name goes on a plaque inside the Death Star garbage compactor acknowledging your pledge. Assuming our photographer doesn't get eaten by a dianoga, we'll send you a picture.



### 25 credits

🟢 417,111,919,662 backers

A "Death Star Construction Crew" T-shirt. (Warning: do not wear around any stormtroopers, as they might mistake you for an escaped slave from the Death Star Construction Crew.)



### 50 credits

🟢 996,844,097,237 backers

A Death Star-shaped jar full of Ewok jerky!



WRITER: AL DURAN ARTIST: WARD SUTTON



## Where your pledge money goes

Your money will help us do what we do best — terrorize, conquer and enslave. Instead of turning Ewoks into jerky, we will capture them, force them to harvest about thirteen million miles' worth of vines, turn it all into netting and make them stretch it out over the Death Star.

And then when that's done, *that's* when we'll turn them into jerky.



## Stretch Goals

**125,000,000,000,000 credits**

To further discourage rebel pilots from entering the various shafts, pipes and trenches, illuminated "Do Not Enter" signs will be placed above all netted openings.

**150,000,000,000,000 credits**

We'll cover the openings with something stronger than nets made by tiny feral teddy bears. Maybe some chain link fence? Bungee cords? We'll brainstorm a little...

**175,000,000,000,000 credits**

We'll add armored, reinforced doors over the various shafts, pipes and trenches. Leaving these parts vulnerable on an otherwise heavily-defended planet-sized weapon of mass destruction was a minor cost-saving measure, but it's probably worth the extra credits to address the problem head on.



**200,000,000,000,000 credits**

Forget about nets, fences and armored doors! The openings themselves will be redesigned and reconstructed so that they're not large enough for a spacecraft to enter, navigate freely and safely exit. It's something we should have caught on the original blueprints — but now's our chance to make things right.



## Risks and challenges

The biggest concern is that the rebels will destroy this latest Death Star before we are able to make the necessary repairs. Somehow, they always seem to attack when the Death Star is at its weakest. You know, in hindsight, maybe posting the specific design flaws right on Kickstarter for anyone to see was a mistake...

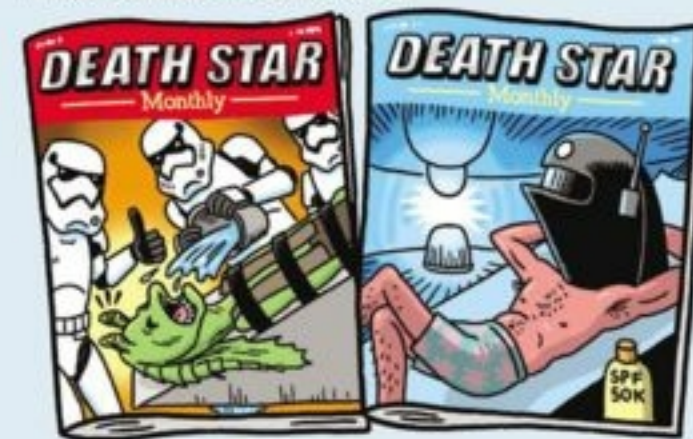
[Learn about accountability on Kickstarter](#)

## Rewards (continued)

**100 credits**

352,019,763,973 backers

A subscription to *Death Star Monthly* — our magazine about what life will be like on everyone's favorite moon-sized battle station once it's built! Featuring new innovations in prisoner interrogation and torture, spotlights on crew members pushing the envelope in collateral damage and wacky, slice-of-life articles about off-duty officers tanning down in the reactor core, *Death Star Monthly* will be a must for anyone living the First Order lifestyle.



**15,000 credits**

16,903,336,501 backers

You'll get to call up the Death Star and have a TIE Fighter squadron deployed for an airstrike of your choosing. (Note: TIE Fighters will not attack First Order installations or personnel unless a special treachery waiver has been obtained.)

**1,000,000,000,000 credits**

15 backers

The Death Star will destroy a planet of your choice!

**5,000,000,000,000 credits**

3 backers

We promise not to blow up *your* planet. For now.

## Comments

Use this space to cheer the creator along, ask questions and talk to your fellow backers. Please remember to be respectful and considerate. Thanks!



**Mr. Moff** Yesterday

@creator I'm funding this because I want to see an impervious Death Star, but I think Wookiee netting is the way to go. This way, the Ewoks' muscles are spared the labor and their meat doesn't get too tough for making jerky.



**Hutt Wun** about 7 hours ago

@Mr. Moff Go lick a lightsaber, loser!! Everyone knows Wookiee netting won't withstand the magnetic and gravitational fluxes generated by superluminal transit! Duh!



**R2-Q5** about 3 hours ago

Beep boop bip badeep bip boop!



**LonelyClonely** about 7 hours ago

@creator I dropped off my Death Star Construction Crew shirt with the rest of my laundry. But when I got it back, it had shrunk two sizes. I complained to the manager and pointed out that the label said "Hang Dry Only" but he refused to give me a refund. Can you blow up Naboo Star-Bright Laundromat once the DS is finished?



**Creator Death Star 3.0** about 1 hour ago

@LonelyClonely Thanks for your comment. We are aware of the situation at the laundromat and have dealt with it. In related news, we have some Gungan jerky to send you for your trouble.

## FAQ

**Have a question?** You would DARE to question the First Order?!? There are consequences for that kind of insubordination. *Dire* consequences!

[Ask a question](#)

KICKSTARTER



Hulk Hogan had sex with his best friend's wife! Thud! But Hulk didn't know their romp was secretly being filmed! Whomp! The website Gawker posted naked footage online! Oof! Now, Hulk's suing them for \$100 million! Crunch! It's the biggest sex tape lawsuit in history! If Hulk wins, Gawker will be bankrupted! Ugh! Slam! Thump! The mania runs wild with...

Yawn! 90% of the "action" is rest holds!

Those "vitamins" Hogan always talks about taking look an awful lot like Cialis!

Wow! Usually you only see four breasts that large in lesbian porn!

# COURTROOM REACTIONS TO THE HULK HOGAN SEX TAPE

Luckily, Hogan's wearing a bandana — the glare from his head would've ruined the video quality!

I was expecting Vince McMahon to be standing next to the bed doing color commentary!

That's odd...whenever Hulk wants the woman to talk dirty to him, he turns sideways and emphatically cups his ear.

Ha! Turns out that Hulk Hogan isn't the "biggest" superstar in the history of wrestling.

You know, this isn't the first time the person grappling with Hulk was faking it!

Is Hogan wearing his WWF heavyweight belt? No, wait...it's just a truss.

Seriously? Even his condoms are yellow and red?

Eww! He's got that weird combination of orange skin and bleached blond hair EVERYWHERE!

If he wins this case, Hulk Hogan will have the first authentic victory of his career!

I liked the opening scene, when Hogan dramatically ripped his underwear in half!

I swear I think I just heard Hulk accidentally call the woman "Rowdy Roddy."



Things have gone from bad  
to *verse!*

 **MAD** Greatest  
's Writers

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JACOBS**

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Nick Meglin!

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Thinking about renovating your kitchen? Adding another bathroom? Tearing down your whole house and just starting from scratch? Good news — it's all a snap! It'll get done faster than expected, for less money than planned and be a life-affirming experience from start to finish! At least that's how it happens on every single DIY show on HGTV — and we call BS! Television is lying to you! In reality, any home job is going to be a hellish, nightmarish ordeal...almost as horrible as reading this!

# HOME RENOVATIONS:



VS.



## THE CONTRACTOR





I used materials that were left over from another remodel, so I saved ya a bunch of money there. And instead of trashing your old fixtures, I sold them to a salvage yard — so we actually **MADE** you some money on the deal! And me and the crew decided to only charge you **50%** for the labor — consider it a housewarming gift!

## THE ESTIMATE



**REAL LIFE**



I'll need about **two grand** up front...

Ooh — I never knew **doggie doors** were so precious!

Tearing down those walls was a cinch — I am such a rehab addict! And there was **hardly** any dust! Now you can watch me **Swiffer** in my super-sweaty tank top!

## THE DEMOLITION



Yeah, when I lifted off the old John, sure enough, there's a nest 'a **water moccasins** down there and don't you know their **decayed feces** ate right through your **asbestos shield**. Good news is, your **black mold** here killed off a few 'a the **babies**...shame youse only got the **one bathroom**...

Enjoy your time on this yacht while my brother Jonathan gives your three-season basement an open concept!

## THE CONSTRUCTION



I SAID ARE YOU ALMOST DONE WITH THE **JACKHAMMER PART**?!?!?



David, my *Love It or List It* crew was up all night scrubbing away weeks of demolition dust and debris. Be a doll and go put a mint on everyone's pillow while I arrange these fresh flowers!

## THE CLEAN-UP



REAL  
LIFE

Boss, you said I could poop down the hole where the sink is going, no problem. But it's just floatin' on the surface!

That's okay — we won't be here when they get home. Plus, that varnish I spilled on the piano should cover up the smell!



## THE REVEAL

Oh, Candice! This is the most divine hallway design I have ever seen! And you fit in the pool!!!



REAL  
LIFE

Oh. Um, the windows are kind of smallish and crookedish and seem to have Cheeto fingerprints on them. And that exposed wire seems to be smoldering a bit...

Nothin' a few curtains won't fix. Can you pay me in cash?







# The Best of The Idiotical

## TONIGHT!

### "THE BLOOD FEUD"

TALE OF THE TAPE

**DONALD**  
"KID LOUDMOUTH"  
**TRUMP**

VS.

**MEGYN**  
"FOXY LADY"  
**KELLY**



DONALD TRUMP  
June 14, 1946  
Queens, NY

LOW BLOW

CAN'T TAKE  
A PUNCH

HIMSELF

FIVE

NO

YES

YES

SIGNATURE  
ATTACK

WEAKNESS

UNSCRUPULOUS  
PROMOTER

HOURS SPENT ON  
HAIR, DAILY

IS SEEN AS A SERIOUS  
POLITICAL THINKER

SOURCE OF RIGHT-  
WINGERS' FANTASIES

HAS MEAT LOAF IN  
HIS/HER CORNER

MEGYN KELLY  
November 18, 1970  
Syracuse, NY

GOTCHA QUESTION

EYE BLEEDING  
(APPARENTLY)

FOX  
NEWS

THREE

NO

YES

NO



## WEDDINGS THAT NEVER HAPPENED

#1



George and Hillary Clinton

## AN ASHLEY MADISON HOMEPAGE WE'D LIKE TO SEE

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don't get caught having an affair.

Username

Josh Duggar

See your matches that have  
been hacked and posted online! »

Over **21,940,000** formerly  
anonymous members!







Shot on iPhone 6



(Not with a high-powered crossbow after being lured from a sanctuary by a douchebag dentist on a \$50,000 safari in a pathetic search for his manhood)



## QUESTIONS WE'D LIKE TO HEAR DURING TONIGHT'S REPUBLICAN DEBATE

Mr. Trump, you're widely regarded as a **loudmouth blowhard**. How can you convince voters that you're **actually** a **dips#!t windbag**?

Governor Christie: **Boxers, briefs, or a twin-size sheet fastened with safety pins?**

Governor Bush, is there anything you'd like to **add** before you **disappear** from the political conversation for another four years?

Dr. Carson, you've said that **jail turns people gay**. Along those **same lines**: can a **magic spell** turn a **horsey** into a **unicorn**?

It says here that your name is **John Kasich**. **Who** are you again?

Senator Paul: if elected President, would you be willing to share your **wife's recipe** for **fishsticks**?

Would you all **line up** so that one of us can **slap you** consecutively across the faces, **Three Stooges-style**?





# The Gap-Toothed Gallery



"Alfred E-moji Neuman" by Yung Jake



**WHAT  
INSPIRING  
LESSON DOES  
PROFESSIONAL  
SPORTS  
TEACH OUR  
CHILDREN?**

# HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

Hardly anyone today can escape the excitement and impact of the spectacular of professional sports. But our young people are particularly impressed and inspired by the wild goings-on in this great American industry. To find out exactly what the youth of our nation is learning from it, fold in page as shown on right.

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There's a major problem in this country — and it's commonly thought of as a disease that must be treated. Yet there are those who react illogically — or worse yet, ignore the problem altogether. It doesn't take much to inject passion into the discussion. Sadly, the real victims don't even have a voice in the debate.



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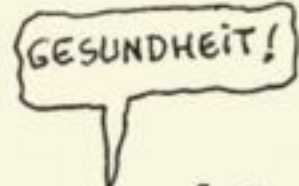
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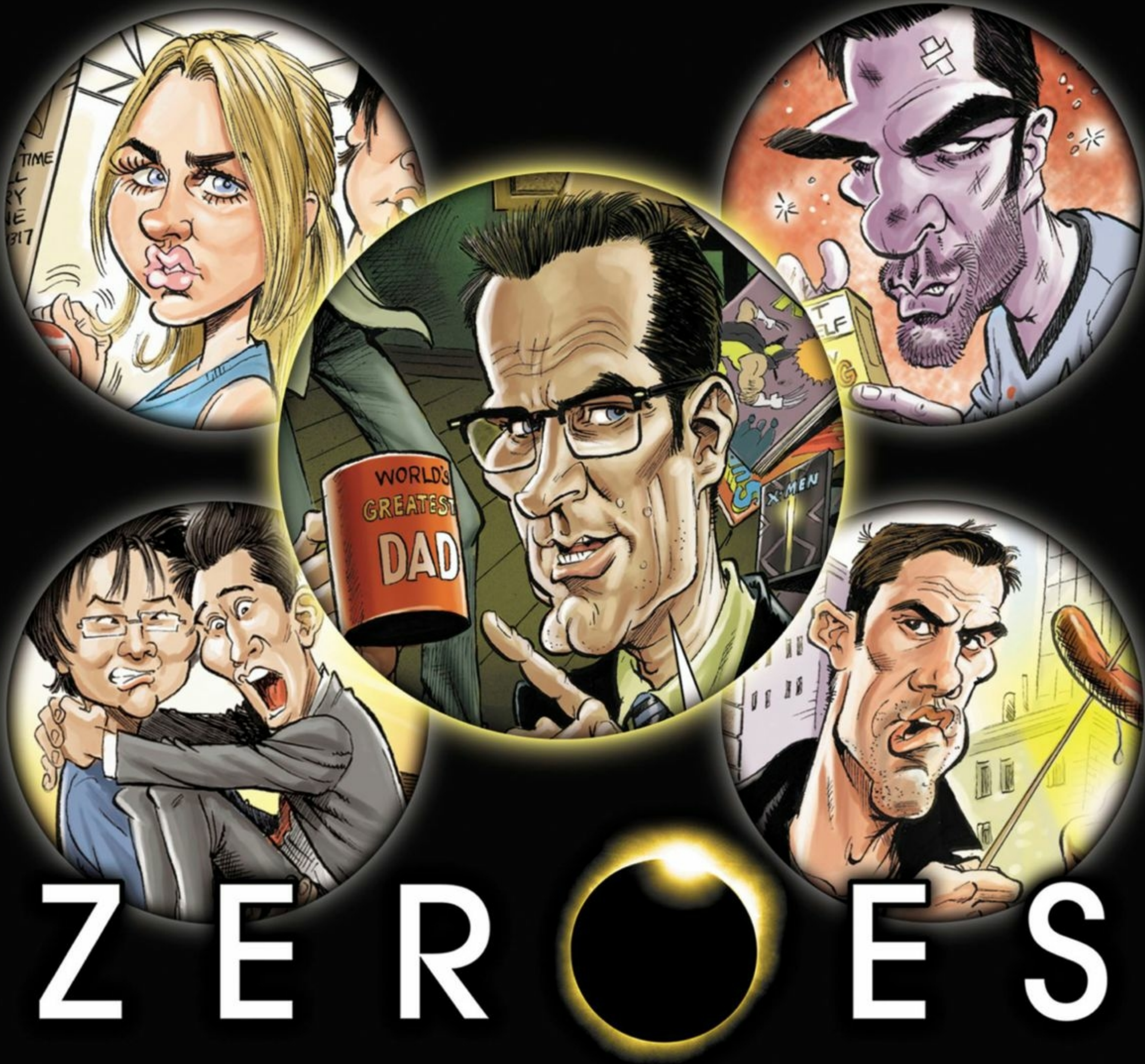


***KEEP GOING, CLOD!***



# GOOGLE BONUS!

Hoping to find their next hit show, NBC has launched the new miniseries *Heroes Reborn*, a sequel to the 2006 smash sci-fi drama *Heroes*. Always eager to mine our OWN archives — rather than doing the extra work to come up with something new — MAD presents this exclusive digital bonus: our parody of the original *Heroes*, as featured in **MAD #487** from March 2008.





WOULDN'T IT BE FANTASTIC TO HAVE SUPERPOWERS? WOULDN'T YOU LOVE TO READ MINDS, OR SOAR THROUGH THE SKIES, OR TRAVEL THROUGH TIME? WOULDN'T YOU BE THE HAPPIEST PERSON EVER? OF COURSE! ANYONE WOULD! ANYONE, THAT IS, EXCEPT FOR THE DEPRESSIVE, TORTURED MOPES ON NBC'S HIT SHOW! ALL THEY DO IS BROOD AND GRIPE AND WORRY. WHAT AN UNGRATEFUL BUNCH OF...

# Z E R O S

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ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

Destiny divides itself into two paths. For some, fate dictates that they take action. And yet others are chosen to go on and on and on, blabbing and blabbing, always trying to sound deep and philosophical while actually accomplishing nothing of substance and boring the pants off everyone around them. Guess which side of the coin landed "heads" for me?

I am Longwindy Smersh, and while continuing my father's research, I traveled to India to learn his secrets and acquire his database. Yes, even superheroes have been outsourced! My father spent his life tracking a bunch of confused, abnormal mutants and corraling them all into one master computer file. It was the original MySpace!

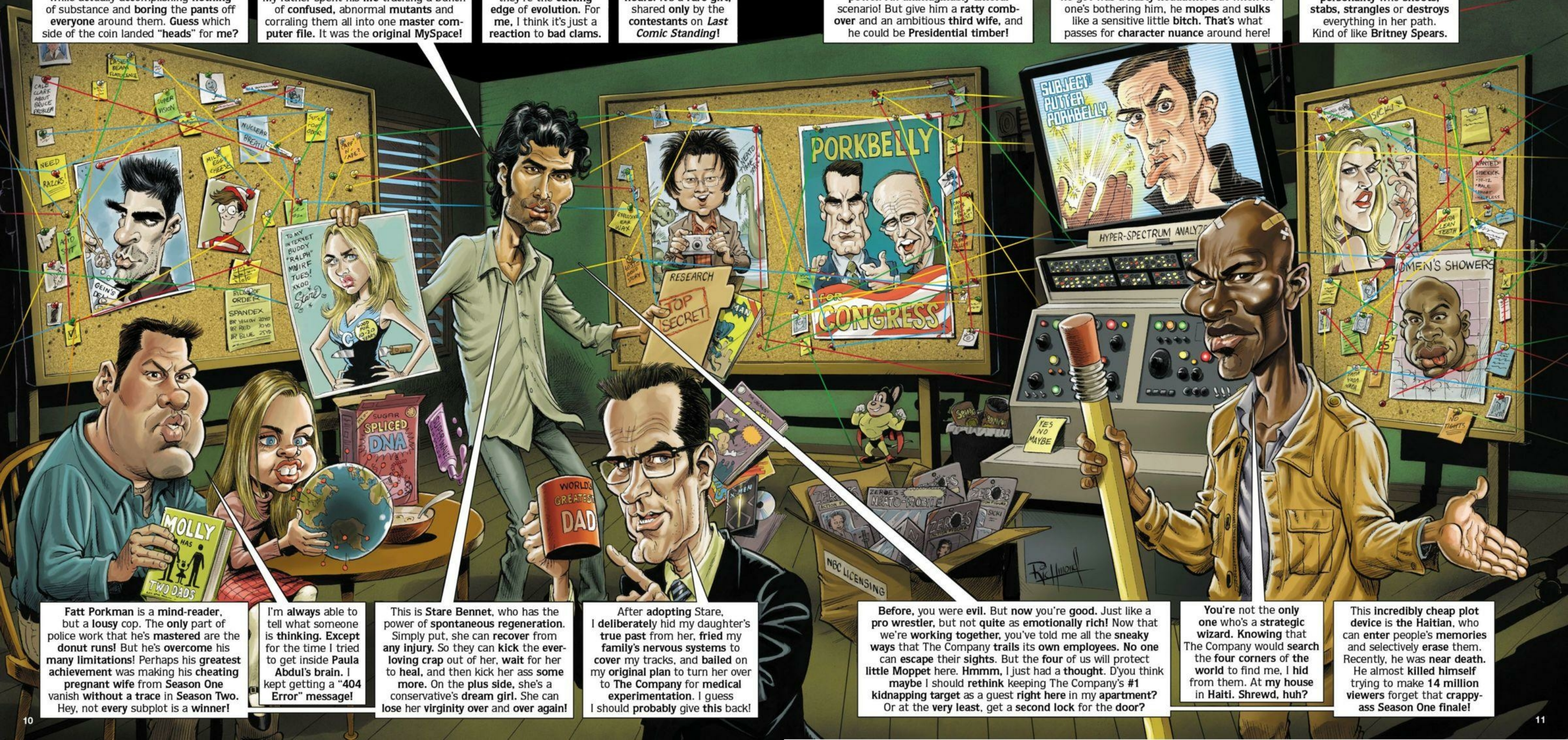
No one knows where these abilities come from. Some believe that they are a gift from God. Others think they're the cutting edge of evolution. For me, I think it's just a reaction to bad clams.

Neato Geekarama's power is incredible. He can take a single second of time and make it seem like 12 hours. It's a rare gift, shared only by the contestants on *Last Comic Standing*!

Nabob Porkbelly is an ambitious sleazo who dumped his family. Then, he tried to exploit a ghastly attack in downtown Manhattan to reinvent his career and consolidate his political power. An unimaginably amoral scenario! But give him a ratty comb-over and an ambitious third wife, and he could be Presidential timber!

Nabob's brother, Putter, isn't nearly as ruthless, but he's tough. He's plunged off a roof and died, gotten a fatal chunk of glass impaled in his skull, and was at the epicenter of a nuclear explosion. And all he got was a nasty headache. But when no one's bothering him, he mopes and sulks like a sensitive little bitch. That's what passes for character nuance around here!

Sicki and her husband B.S. had a mixed marriage. He walks through walls, and she talks to them! Periodically, Sicki lapses into a dual personality who shoots, stabs, strangles or destroys everything in her path. Kind of like Britney Spears.



Fatt Porkman is a mind-reader, but a lousy cop. The only part of police work that he's mastered are the donut runs! But he's overcome his many limitations! Perhaps his greatest achievement was making his cheating pregnant wife from Season One vanish without a trace in Season Two. Hey, not every subplot is a winner!

I'm always able to tell what someone is thinking. Except for the time I tried to get inside Paula Abdul's brain. I kept getting a "404 Error" message!

This is Stare Bennet, who has the power of spontaneous regeneration. Simply put, she can recover from any injury. So they can kick the ever-loving crap out of her, wait for her to heal, and then kick her ass some more. On the plus side, she's a conservative's dream girl. She can lose her virginity over and over again!

After adopting Stare, I deliberately hid my daughter's true past from her, fried my family's nervous systems to cover my tracks, and bailed on my original plan to turn her over to The Company for medical experimentation. I guess I should probably give this back!

Before, you were evil. But now you're good. Just like a pro wrestler, but not quite as emotionally rich! Now that we're working together, you've told me all the sneaky ways that The Company trails its own employees. No one can escape their sights. But the four of us will protect little Moppet here. Hmmm, I just had a thought. D'you think maybe I should rethink keeping The Company's #1 kidnapping target as a guest right here in my apartment? Or at the very least, get a second lock for the door?

You're not the only one who's a strategic wizard. Knowing that The Company would search the four corners of the world to find me, I hid from them. At my house in Haiti. Shrewd, huh?

This incredibly cheap plot device is the Haitian, who can enter people's memories and selectively erase them. Recently, he was near death. He almost killed himself trying to make 14 million viewers forget that crappy-ass Season One finale!



Our first adventure was about a mysterious stranger trying to kill all the heroes. Our second was about a mysterious stranger trying to kill all the heroes' parents. At this rate, next season we'll be gunning for the grandfolks! Now, Moppet is helping us search for a mysterious stranger known only as the Bad Guy!

What is it, Moppet? What do you see?

There are more like us out there. *Reaper!* *Chuck!* *Pushing Daisies* and *Journeyman*! When viewers get overloaded with Xeroxed copycat shows, we could ALL be dead meat!



My friend can travel through time! He can freeze the motion of the Earth! Most impressively, he has the power to make captions float in the air. Kind of like any TV ad for prescription medication!

Well, that would explain the constipated face!

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I'd better call my doctor! I'm experiencing an erection lasting more than four centuries!



Is Mr. Mutto a good boy? Does him wuv his mommy? Yes, he does! Mr. Mutto is a little darling cupcake, that's what Mr. Mutto is!

Sometimes I think Mom loves that stupid dog more than her own family.

SOMEtimes? Mr. Mutto is the only dog in America who doesn't have to lick himself!



Mom, Dad, I'm starting to suspect that something's not normal about this family.

Nonsense, dear. It's your imagination, running wild.



Now, take your allowance in gold kruggerands from our black ops budget, and treat yourself to a movie. Go alone, speak to no one!

The Bad Guy had better not mess with me. I can move things with my mind. I have super-strength. I can manipulate radiation. The only thing I can't do is fix these funky eyebrows!



I see the Bad Guy! But I can't use my power to track him. Not yet!

Why not?

Pretty much the same reason Neato Geekarama doesn't just freeze the bad guys and bonk them in the head. And the same reason it takes everyone time to "learn" how to control their powers. And the same reason why all the parents leave cryptic hints that almost get their kids killed, instead of just telling them what the hell's going on. We've got a 23-episode commitment to pad here, schmuck!



This picture is for you, Mommy!

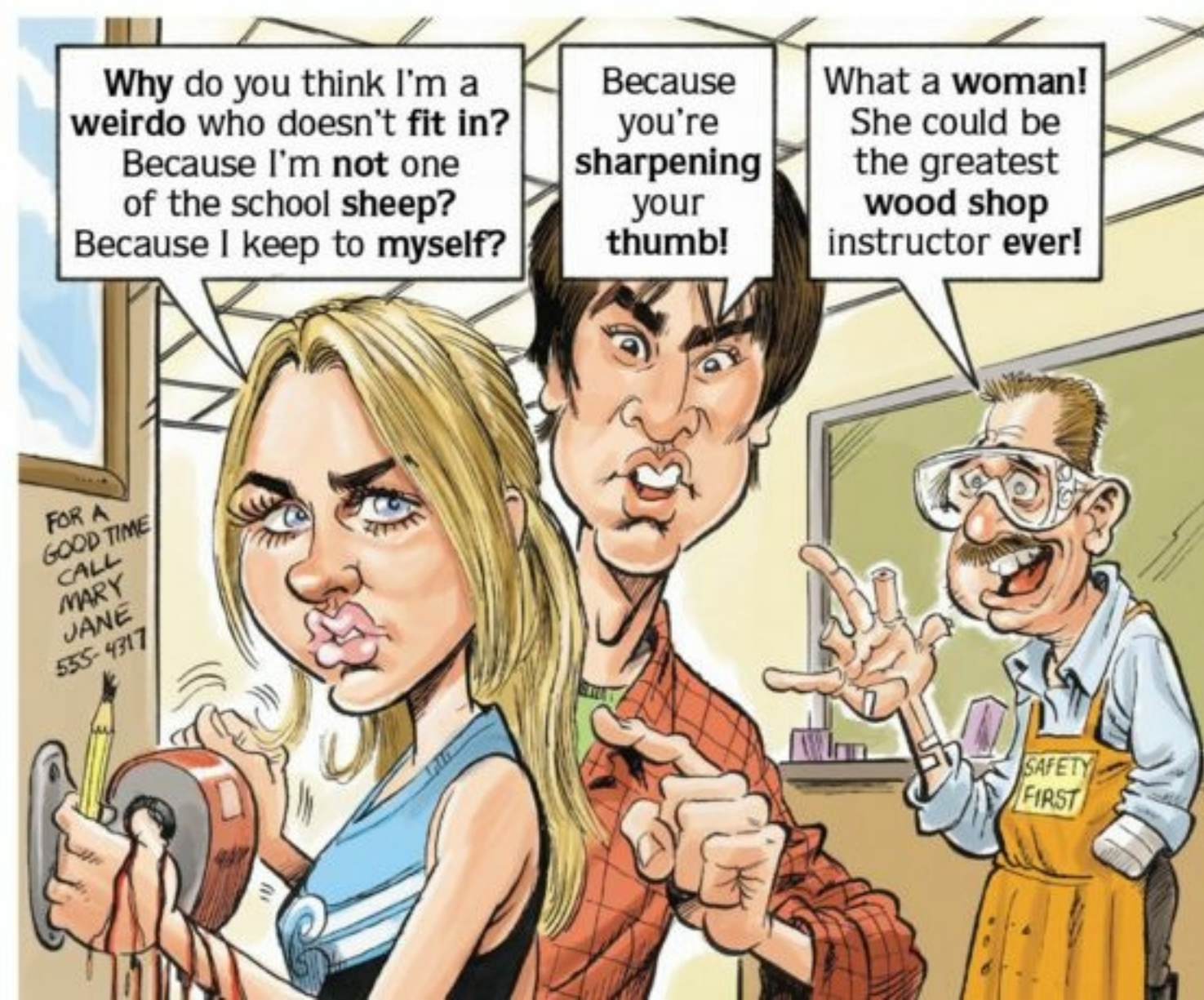
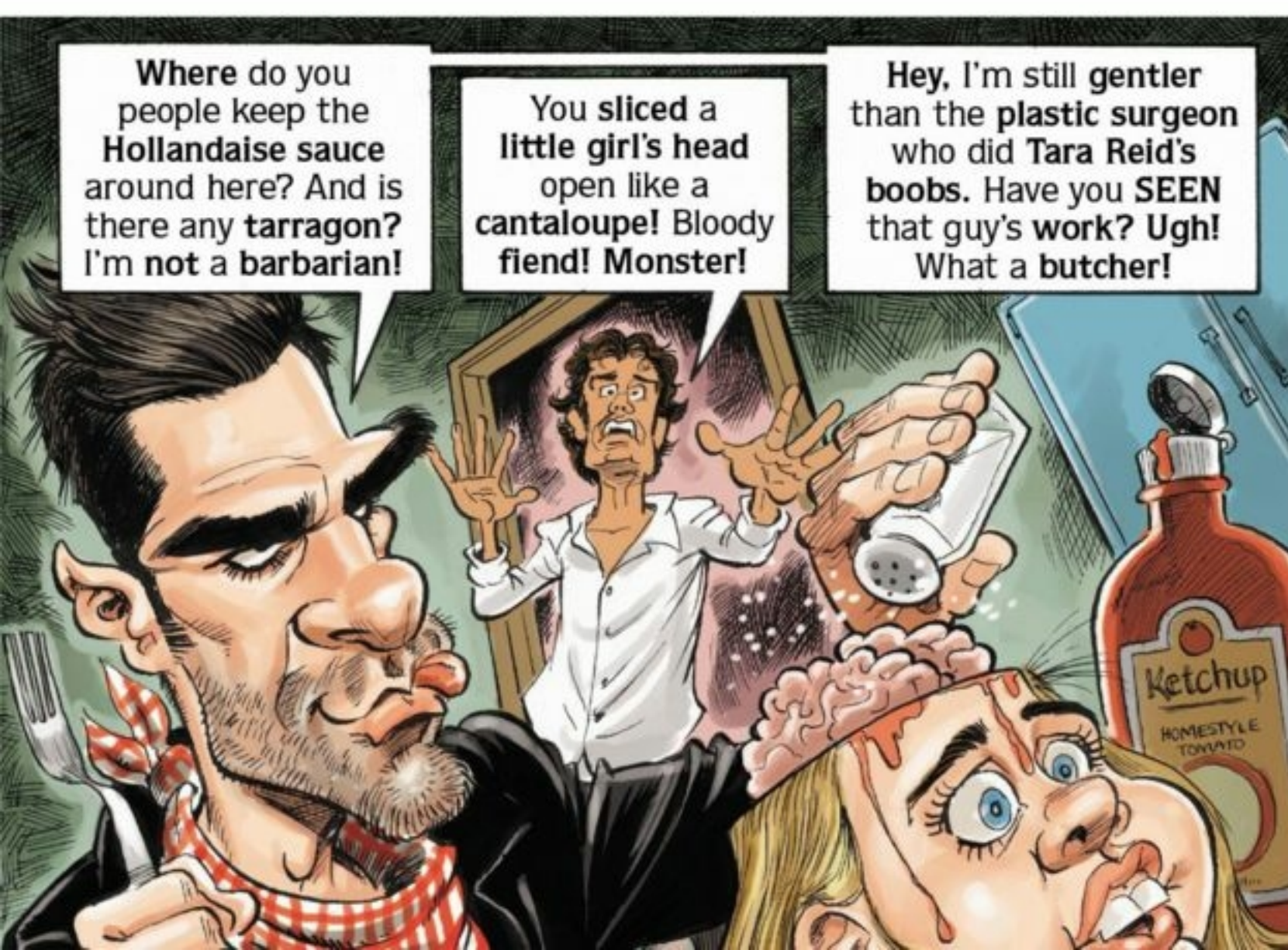
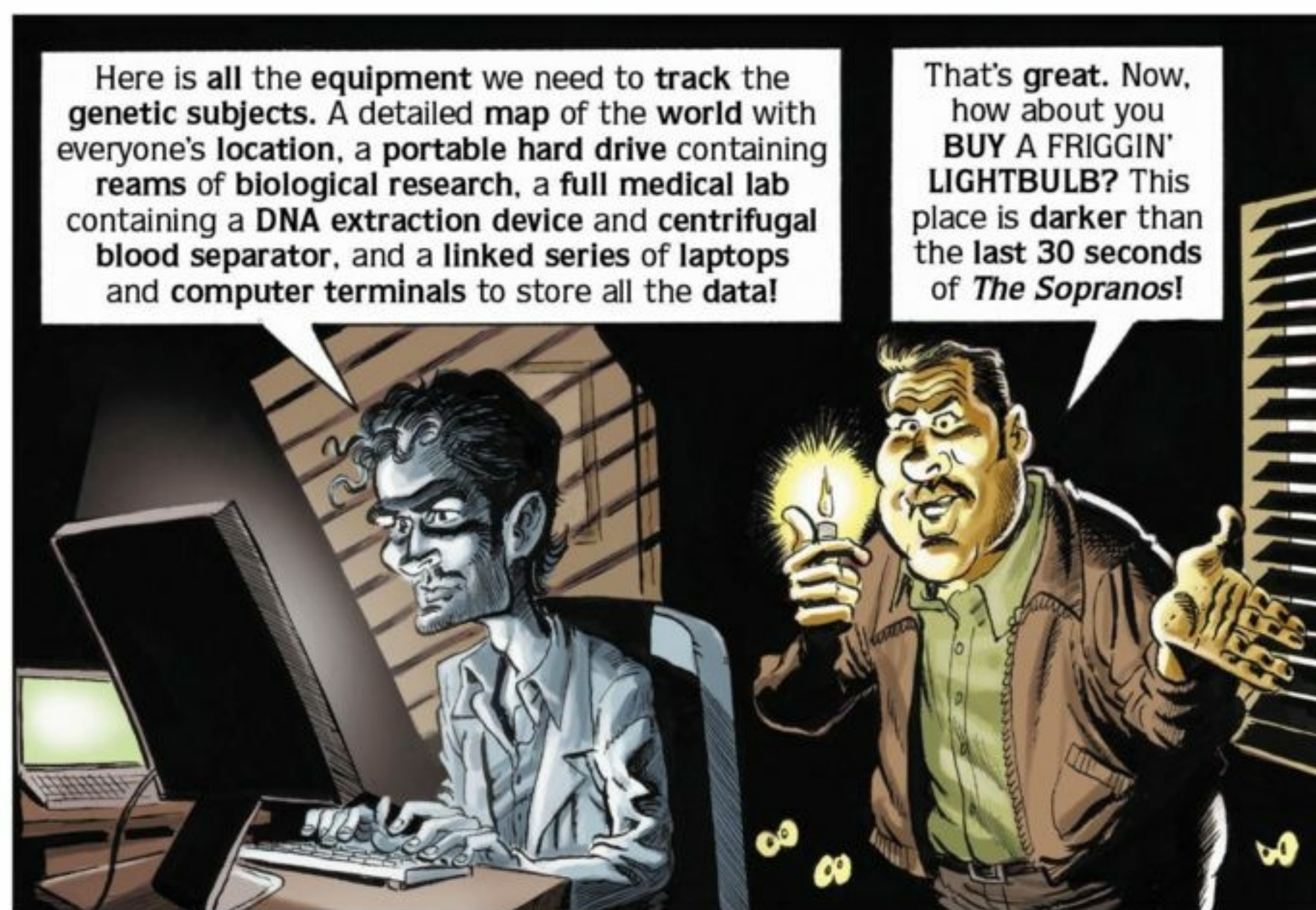
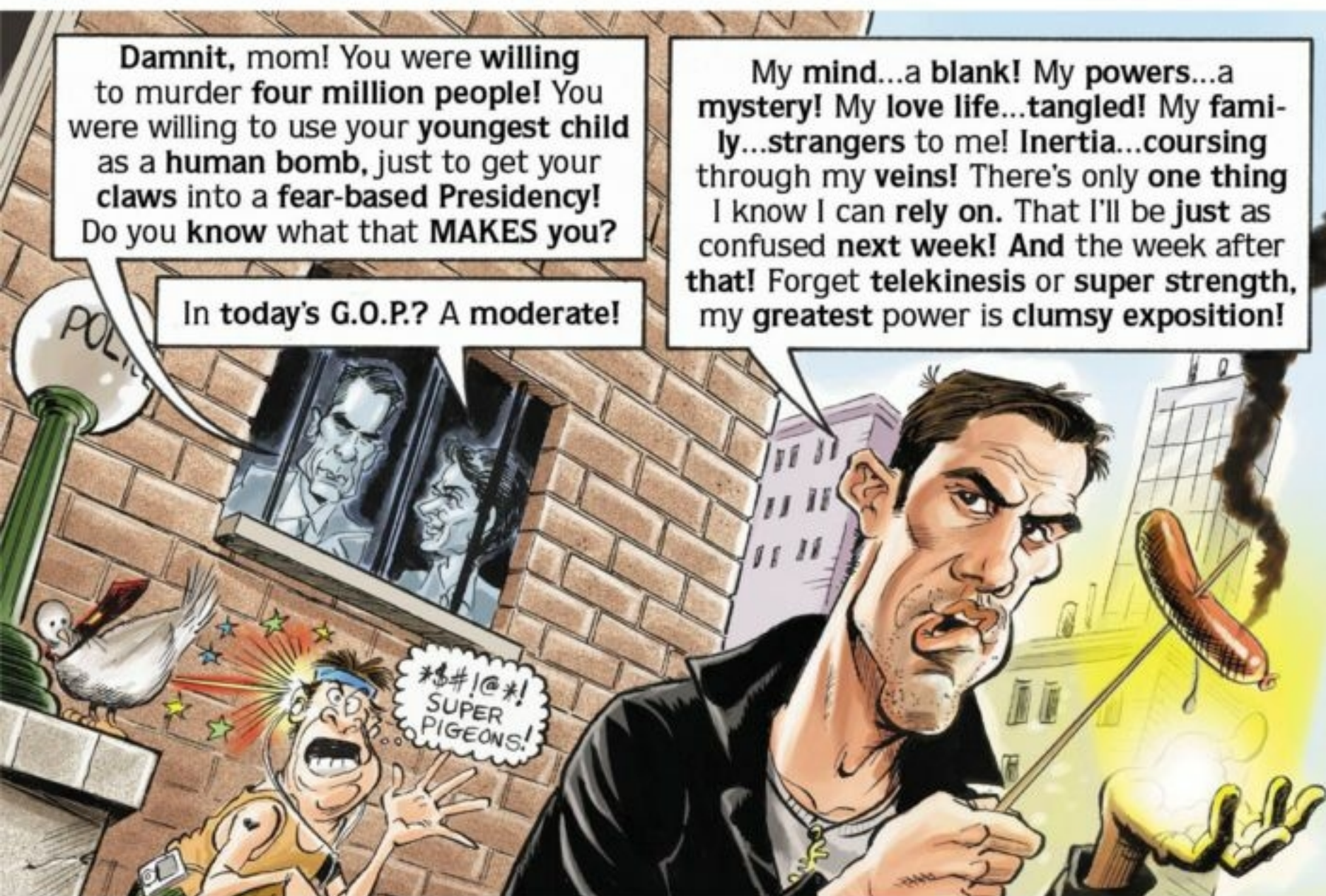
Thank you, Mocha. It's beautiful! I love you so much!

Now, what about drawing something for ME, you selfish little brat?

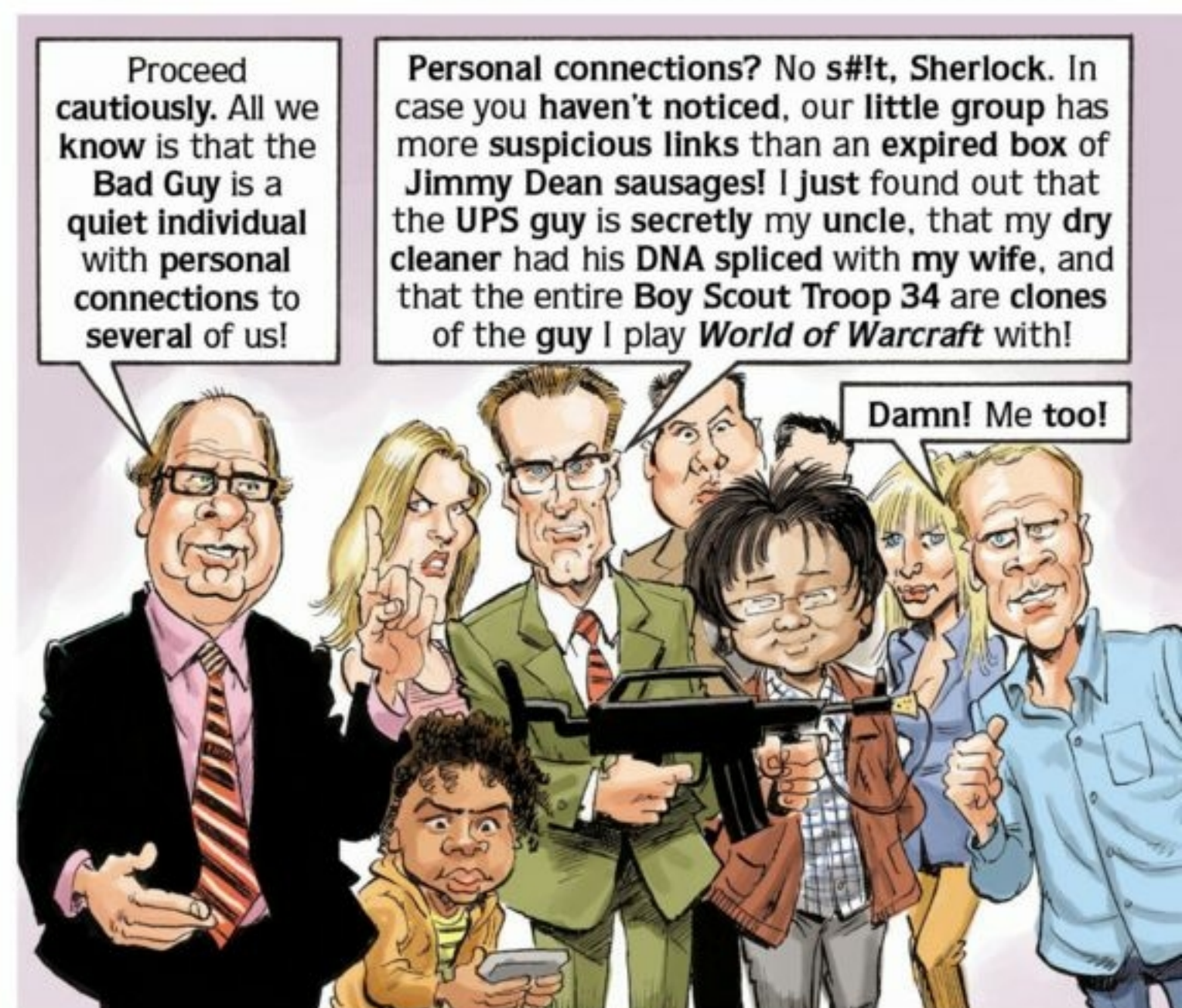
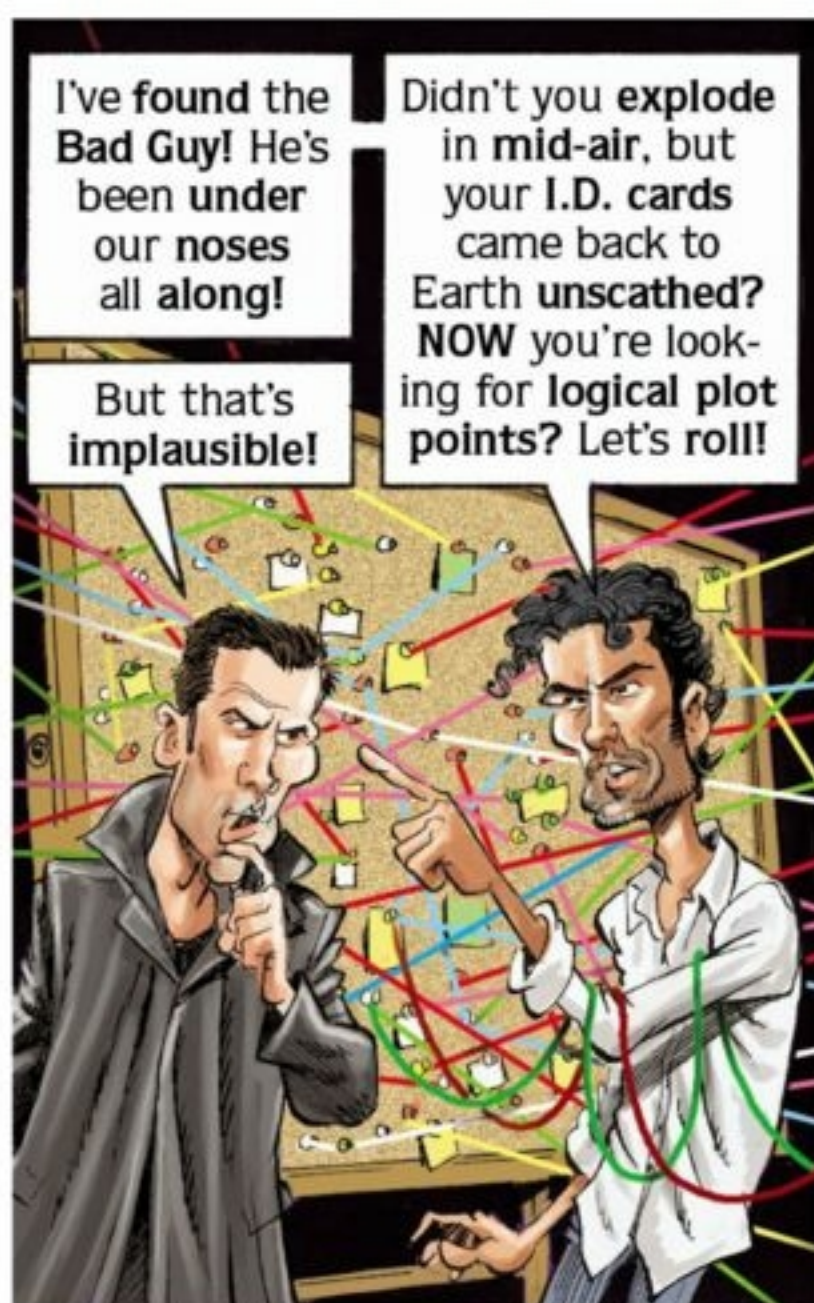
Man, having a schizo mom sucks!













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